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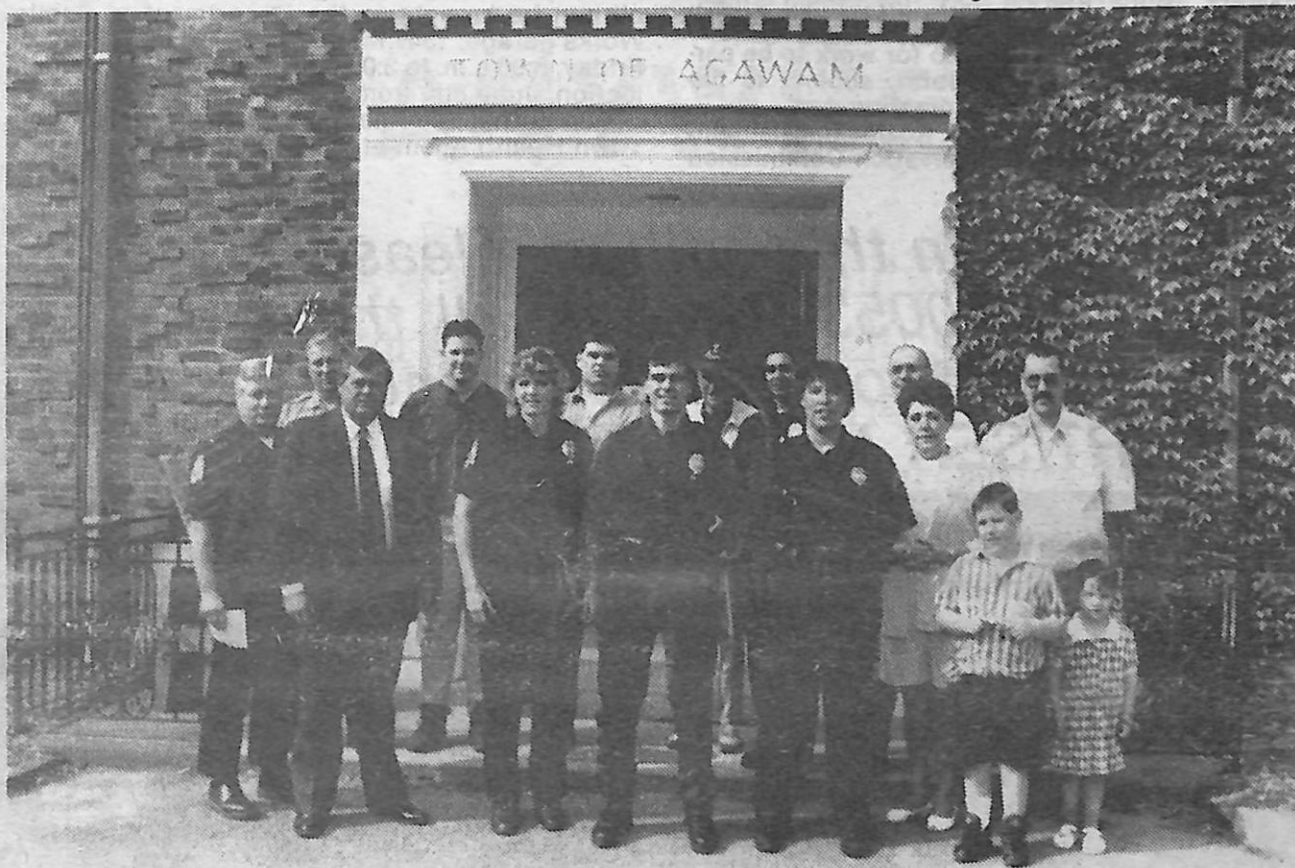
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## Town Swears-In New Auxiliary Police



NEW AGAWAM AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS sworn-in on May 24th at Town Hall included (front row - center) Paula Burke, Anthony Grasso, and Heather Pierce. The new auxiliary officers are pictured with family members, fellow auxiliary officers, Chief of Police Robert Campbell (front row - left), and friends. RELATED PHOTO ON PAGE 8. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RETIRING AGAWAM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS BERNARD F. RYDER chats with Dian Curran, his executive secretary (who retired on June 1st), and Curriculum Coordinator Ann Favreau at a reception in his honor on Friday, May 31st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

*Berkshire Officials Remain Resolute...*

## Utility Hearing On Tax Deal Continued; Town Divided

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

By taking no action on the tax treaty negotiated between the town and the developers of a gas-fired power plant, Town Council cost the town upwards of \$13 million should Berkshire Power receive the permits necessary to build on their preferred site in the industrial park.

After hearing nearly three hours of testimony at Monday night's public hearing on the payment in lieu of tax contract advocated by the Mayor, the council voted to recess the hearing until Wednesday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m., at the Middle School.

With more than a dozen power plant opponents indicating their desire to give testimony, the council voted 6-5 to continue the hearing next week rather than remain in session until well after midnight.

In favor of postponing the hearing and thereby delaying the vote on the tax treaty were Councilors Thomas Ennis, Jill Simpson, Joseph Langone, David Skolnick, Dennis Perry, and Edward Caba.

Voting against the delay were Councilors Christian Quatrone, Kent Servis, Gary Suffriti, Nancy Thompson, and George Blitzas.

Last month, Berkshire Power agreed to up its

offer \$100,000 in the first year with an additional \$100,000 to be added in the fifth year if the council would accept the offer by June 3rd.

Also included in the offer were partial payments to be made during the two-year construction phase of the project.

Power plant opponent and CCBA president Kenneth Forni said the council would be holding a royal flush if they held onto their cards and delayed taking any action on the tax proposal until (and if) the plant received the necessary permit.

"...Losing Their Fight"

"Berkshire Power is losing their fight with the Town of Agawam and now they're trying to force their agenda on the council. A gun has been placed to your head and it's not right," Forni said.

Forni estimated it could take another year-and-a-half before the litigation over the permitting process was finished. By then, the council would be in a position of strength to negotiate a better deal.

"Your cards will become more valuable the longer you hold them," Forni said.

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## Ryder Receives Kudos At Reception Honoring His Retirement

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

At a reception held last Friday, retiring Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder received citations from local and state officials recognizing his years of service to public education as well as praise from his colleagues, his secretary, and parents.

Somewhat abashed at the attention and praise coming his way, Ryder said, "You have humbled me and I thank you. I'm thrilled to have worked as an educator all these years. I've enjoyed education and I've enjoyed the kids."

After reading citations from Governor Weld, the Town of Agawam, and School Committee, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson called Ryder a "model superintendent."

"We're going to miss you. All of the staff is going to miss you and the kids are going to miss you," Johnson said.

State Representative Daniel Keenan lauded Ryder for his performance in the most difficult job any public servant takes — a job that is constantly under fire from both the financial and the human aspect.

"Mr. Ryder has done his part to make the Agawam Schools better than when he arrived," Keenan said.

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**PUBLIC HEARING - from Page 1...**

Declining comment on the council's action, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said Berkshire Power's original offer of \$1 million a year escalating at three percent for the life of the power plant was still on the table.

Berkshire Power spokesman Kevin O'Reilly denied reports that delaying the vote on the tax agreement signaled the end of the company's interest in building an electric generating plant on Moylan Lane.

O'Reilly said any decision on the payment in-lieu of taxes agreement would have no bearing on whether the plant receives the necessary permits to be built as a result of its appeal of the Zoning Board's decision or through the permitting process of the State Energy Facilities siting Board.

"I don't know how we can be any clearer," O'Reilly said. "What it has bearing on is how much money the community will receive (over the life of the plant)."

O'Reilly said the reason for the June 3rd deadline was a function of the state's legislative calendar and Berkshire Power's timetable for arranging their financing.

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, June 13, 1996 at 7:05 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Bonavita for property located on Kanawha Avenue.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
Published: June 6, 1996

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
Published: June 6, 1996

## Waste Collection Day Set By Agawam

The Town of Agawam has scheduled a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for Saturday, June 8, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. by appointment only.

The location will be the Agawam High School parking lot on Cooper Street. Proof of residency will be required. Each household will be limited to a quantity of waste equal to 15 gallons liquid or 20 pounds solid.

To pre-register, contact the Agawam Health Department at 786-0400, ext. 208, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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**WHAT NOT TO BRING!**

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For further information, you can contact the Town Health Agent at 786-0400, extension 208.

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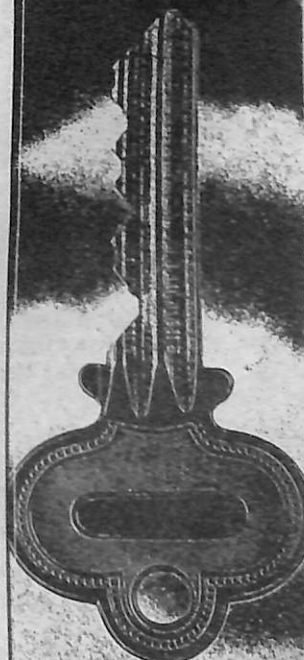


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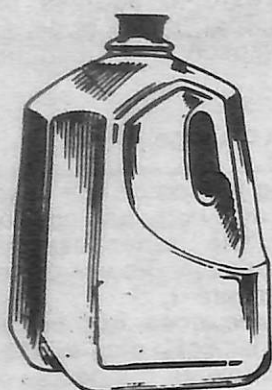


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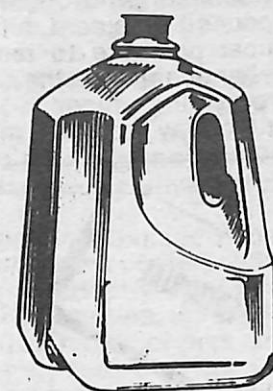


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Commentary...

# Perry Shows Mettle By Refusing To Buckle On Move Against Thompson

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

The fourth, and hopefully the final, attempt to unseat Town Council President Nancy Thompson failed at Monday night's Town Council meeting. The vote was a squeaker. Five councilors voted to oust their president and six attested to their faith in the council's leadership.

For more than a month, the controversy divided the community from the council, as citizens rallied in support of the beleaguered council president.

In the end, it all came down to one councilor's resolve to act in the best interest of the town and retain the current leadership, despite calls from councilors determined to unseat the president for alleged lapses in adhering to council rules and parliamentary procedures.

Councilor Dennis Perry, the brother-in-law of the councilor who originally proposed removing the council president, refused to buckle under to political pressure to remove Nancy Thompson from her position as the council's parliamentarian and presiding officer.

At Monday's council meeting, the vote was 6-5

in favor of retaining Ms. Thompson as the council president.

Voting for her dismissal were Councilors Thomas Ennis, Joseph Langone, Kent Servis, Gary Suffriti, and Edward Caba.

Voting to retain Ms. Thompson as the council president were Councilors Christian Quatrone, Jill Simpson, David Skolnick, George Bitzas, President Thompson, and Perry.

Two weeks ago, Ms. Thompson's supporters employed a parliamentary ploy, the charter objection, to stave off a vote on the dismissal of the council president to the next council meeting. Perry had voted to amend a motion calling for the consideration of the removal of the council president to a motion calling for the dismissal of the president.

Politicos assumed that Perry was departing from his gut-wrenching decision at the May 10th special meeting to retain Ms. Thompson as the council president.

But they were wrong. Perry had hoped the vote would come at the May 20th meeting. His vote would have been the same as at the special

meeting: to retain the current council leadership. Now, the political pundits are having a field day at Perry's expense. He's become the man who (supposedly) betrayed the "side" aligned to boot the council president from her position. Some even say that he's committed political suicide by supporting Ms. Thompson.

But the real people of Agawam know better.

The real people of Agawam — the ones who deplore the personal agendas and political grudges of some councilors — recognize Perry's decision to act in the best interest of the town as a campaign promise fulfilled.

During his campaign to become a decision-maker in the community, Perry said he would act as an independent vote, not tied to any "side."

The real people of Agawam can only hope that the council can move forward to address the issues facing the council. That is the hope expressed by both Ms. Thompson and Councilor Perry.

Amen. Enough said.

Dennis Perry. A profile in courage.



## Town Of Agawam Truly Shined On Memorial Day

### To The Editor:

This year, we saw the largest crowd gathered along the Memorial Day parade route yet, and that's not all. We also had the largest group of parade participants. Maybe I should be surprised, but I'm not.

Over the years since 1989, when we completed our Veterans' Memorial on the green, there has been an increase in numbers of families enjoying the parade and honoring our veterans both living and dead.

The Veterans' Green has become a gathering place for residents on special occasions or just to sit and read the morning paper. My assistant commented that it looks like something out of a Norman Rockwell painting.

One of the nicest compliments to our town came from Mr. Donald Richter, former Executive Officer who served on the *USS Agawam* during World War II, who was one of the guest speakers during our Memorial Day ceremonies.

In speaking with Mr. Richter following the ceremony, he said to me, "What you do here in Agawam, is what America is all about." A wonderful compliment to the community of Agawam, and one that I felt should be shared with you.

There is a quotation on the Veterans' Monument on the green written by President John Kennedy, which says, "A NATION REVEALS ITSELF NOT ONLY BY THE MEN IT PRODUCES, BUT

### ALSO BY THE MEN IT HONORS AND THE MEN IT REMEMBERS..."

The 50th reunion of the surviving members of the *USS Agawam* will be held at the Oaks Banquet House on Saturday, July 27, 1996. Tickets for the banquet will be available soon, and I hope the community will come in numbers to share in the event.

All of the crew other than Mr. Richter are traveling from the west coast to reunite here in Agawam, their ship's namesake. LET'S GIVE THEM A REAL AGAWAM WELCOME!

Watch *The Agawam Advertiser News* and the Cable Access Channel for ticket information. In the meantime, please circle your calendar for Saturday, July 27th.

Sincerely  
Ruth Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent

## Refuses To Attend Town's Memorial Day Observances

### To The Editor:

I attended Memorial Day observances in a neighboring community, partly because I had no desire to participate in any such event with hypocrites like our Mayor and those of our Town Councilors allied with him.

The guest speaker at the ceremonies I attended was a young Marine captain, whose speech centered on the concepts of honor, courage, and commitment in service to our country. I could not help but contrast those concepts with the behavior of members of our town government.

Honor apparently has no place in the government of Agawam, especially in the office of mayor. The conflicts of interest, shameless self-promotion, unfulfilled promises, and basic disingenuous manner displayed by the Mayor demonstrates that that person has no idea about honor, much less any sense of personal honor himself.

Courage also seems to be in rather short supply. Several of our town councilors have stood up

against the nonsense being foisted on the town. However, the town council as a body has not had the backbone to just say "No" when useless, negative issues like the Berkshire Power power plant scheme are brought before it.

As for commitment, space does not permit enough to be said about the lack of it displayed by the Mayor and town council toward the people of Agawam. Personal agendas and self-interest appear to be the only motivations behind the actions of town officials.

Service to the people of Agawam should be the primary objective of those who hold public office in our town. However, it appears that service is incidental, if not a mere accident, when it occurs. Unfortunately, rather than providing service to their community, the mayor and his cronies on the town council appear to be only interested in megalomania and possible self-enrichment.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Thursday, June 13th  
"Open House" for current eighth grade students and their parents or guardians  
At Agawam High School cafeteria  
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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## LETTERS - from Page 4...

Aside from the overgenerous mayoral salary, salaries of elected officials in Agawam are "insignificant." If service to the citizens is not an individual's goal in taking public office, then the only reasons left to take such office apparently are personal power and illicit personal gain.

The mayor and town council must be continuously criticized and challenged to perform their duties. If they cannot provide the service we require and adapt to better fulfill their commitments to us, then each individual holding those offices should have the honor, and courage, to stand down.

Sincerely,  
Rob Keenan  
Agawam

## There's No Honor At All About Berkshire Power Issue

### To The Editor:

#### To Members Of The Town Council:

I would like to give you the definition of Bribery: *Bribery is an attempt to influence improper judgment.* Obviously the Mayor's commitment to Berkshire Power is far greater than his obligation to his oath of office and the Town of Agawam or he would be upholding the decision of the Board of Appeals.

The Mayor has said right from the start that he would do anything in his power to promote the construction of a power plant by Berkshire Power and he is keeping his commitment by working in collusion with Berkshire Power every step of the way, even to the point of violating his oath of office.

Unfortunately, the State of Massachusetts does not have impeachment provisions or Mayor Johnson would be a prime candidate.

Any executive worth his salt would stand behind his boards and employees instead of undermining their decisions and hanging the Board of Appeals out to dry. Berkshire Power has sued the Town, and until all court litigation and appeals are exhausted, there is no building permit and it is in a state of limbo and the big NO means exactly that—NO..

If Berkshire Power doesn't have a permit to build, why would they need financing?

Since when do we run our Town on pure speculation? If and when a permit is granted, then

this council can take a look at an in-lieu-of-tax agreement. To do so now would be a slap in the face of our Board of Appeals.

For this council to take a vote on this resolution would be ludicrous. You would be voting on a moot resolution and become a party to this charade. At present, a permit to build does not exist. The Board of Appeals said NO. What part of NO is not understood—the N or the O? What good are our laws if we are going to continuously defy them? If we can't support our boards, let's abolish them and save a lot of time and money.

The Mayor is using this council and making a mockery of our Town Government. It wouldn't make a difference if this in-lieu-of-tax agreement was \$10 million. It's wrong and you will be in violation of your oath of office sworn to on January 2, 1996 or have you forgotten? If so, let me remind you, it goes like this:

*"I — do solemnly swear, to preserve, protect and uphold the laws of the Town of Agawam, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States of America. So help me God."*

Does it sound familiar?

The Town of Agawam has survived for over 200 years, and will continue with or without Berkshire Power. Don't be coerced into tarnishing the integrity of Agawam Town Government. Unlike the Mayor, don't compromise your own integrity, as integrity is part of respect and trust.

So what are we all doing here tonight? I'll tell you what we are doing. We are whipping a dead horse. Berkshire Power does not have a permit to build and all this performance tonight is just that—whipping a dead horse.

The people have a right to be heard, and the council must listen.

Most contracts are written for a specified term with options to renew. Who in their right mind would sign a 40-year contract? The council has the right to table this resolution indefinitely until all litigations are resolved. Amend the resolution. Vote for it. Or vote against it.

I am in hopes that after listening to pros and cons of this hearing, that you do the honorable thing according to your conscience.

Peter Longo  
Agawam

## Veterans' Council Appreciates The Help On Memorial Day

### To The Editor:

The Agawam Veterans' Council would like to express its appreciation to all who attended the

Memorial Day parade and especially those who participated by marching. It was a great day.

We would like to thank the following individuals and groups for their generosity of time and products for helping make the parade and ceremonies a success:

The Agawam Advertiser News, Southworth Paper Company, Stepanek Farms, Agawam Junior Women's Club, McDonald's, Chez Josef, UNICO, Jack Devine, and Brenda Devine.

It's everyone pulling together that makes a success of any endeavor. The Veterans' Council and all who helped formulate plans for the parade and ceremonies sincerely appreciate your help.

Ed Kellogg, Chairman  
Agawam Veterans' Council

## Town Council Should Abide By The People's Petition

### To The Editor:

We, the people, have an issue we wish to pursue to locate if any wrongdoings may have been perpetrated in our city government. This hearing has been called by the people because it is the proper method to take **according to the law.**

This is **not a public meeting**, it is a **legal hearing**, established by law to see if inquiries on your part are warranted.

This is the reason why we, the people, petitioned for a hearing. It is not a debate or a public meeting!

We are asking for you to hear our charges. We may expose possible offenses or perhaps other serious charges.

**We, the people**, by our petition, ask for a hearing to make clear that the president of the Council had no **legal** right to take a perfectly legal position, certified by the proper authorities, off of **your** agenda. I said **your** council agenda; not hers, and certainly not the attorney's. You, the Council, voted to place this on the agenda for a certain date. How dare she and she alone usurp your authority. No one has the right to take a legal people's petition off any agenda.

I suggest you the Council set the date for the people's hearing. If, and I emphasize **if**, you, the Council, feel uncomfortable with what the Town Attorney is trying to scare you with, possible charges, I strongly recommend you invoke Rule 38 and hire independent counsel to sit and represent you. Please, councilors, as yourselves ... how can

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**RYDER - from Page 1...**

As a fellow "Maine-iac," Town Council President Nancy Thompson joked, "I knew he couldn't be all bad."

Ms. Thompson presented Ryder with a citation from Town Council honoring Ryder for his four years of service to the town.

"You've served during a time of great challenge with the Education Reform Act," Ms. Thompson said. "You have our deep appreciation and our hopes for a happy retirement."

Director of Curriculum Initiatives Ann Favreau said Ryder has been described as a math wiz and a toy maker.

"I call you teacher, the highest praise I know. We are life-long learners, you and I, and I'm proud to call you mentor and friend," said Mrs. Favreau.

**Living Up To His Promise...**

Minutes after her own retirement as the secretary to the superintendent, Dian Curran told Ryder he had lived up to his promise to be a tough task master. Mrs. Curran also said Ryder has been a champion for the children. After presenting her (former) boss with a book, Mrs. Curran said, "I wish you happy reading! I really enjoyed working for you."

Attending the party with her daughter, Annie, Junior High PTO President Donna Shibley wished Ryder good luck in the future. "I wish him 'Happy Storytelling' and I hope he enjoys his grandchildren."

Before coming to Agawam four years ago, Ryder was a math teacher for nine years, a high school principal for five years, and a superintendent for 22 years.

Last year, he was one of only 83 superintendents in the country to be honored by the National Association of School Superintendents for 25 years of service.

Ryder's retirement will become official in August after a 40-year career touching all but one of the New England states.



**RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Bernard F. Ryder receives various citations from local officials including, from left - Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, State Rep. Daniel F. Keenan, and Town Council President Nancy Thompson.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Bernard F. Ryder is pictured with members of the Agawam School Committee. From left - Linda Galarneau, Louis Massoia, Teresa Kozloski, Rosemary Sandlin, Susan Pettazzoni, Roberta Doering, and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson.**

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**RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS BERNARD F. RYDER (left) is congratulated by Police Chief Robert Campbell at a reception on Friday, May 31st.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**LETTERS - from Page 5...**

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One final question—ask yourself, why? Why all the attempts to stop the people's petition when we have yet to even say one single word???

In conclusion, I ask any city councilor to show me, and the citizens of Agawam, where in the charter or council rules that allows the Council President to take an item off the agenda after a majority vote set a public hearing date?

**Valentine Moreno**  
Agawam

## IRS Says Thanks For Coverage During Tax Season

### To The Editor:

The Internal Revenue Service has just completed a very successful tax filing season and I would like to thank you for your help. We couldn't have done it without you.

Your willingness to run IRS tax supplement articles and news releases over the past several months brought your readers helpful information on filing their taxes by telephone, as well as accessing tax information through TeleTax.

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I appreciate the fact that you and your staff provided a generous amount of space for these important tax time messages. I hope we can count on you in the future to help us deliver important tax information to your readers.

**Sincerely,**  
**Francine Crowley**  
District Director, IRS

## Boys Show Human Character Be Helping Stricken Cat

### To The Editor:

Yesterday morning (May 28th), as I was bringing my daughter to the high school, we stopped on Mill Street as two boys retrieved a cat that had been hit by a car from the middle of the street.

The boys did not know who the brown and black tabby belonged to and neither did we, but it was still alive and obviously in pain, so we wrapped it in a towel and brought it to the Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital. When I called this morning, I was told it was sent over to the MSPCA to be euthanized.

This incident disturbs me for several reasons. First, according to my daughter's Drivers' License Manual for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you must report an incident if a dog or a cat is killed or injured by your car to the owner, or to the police in the city where the animal was hit (page 60; Accident Information No. 15).

Second, the boys had stated that they had noticed it because the cars were driving around it. Why is everyone so self-absorbed that nobody else stopped to help? Most importantly, who was the owner? Why didn't the cat have a collar or ID tag? I am amazed at the number of cats and dogs allowed to stray aimlessly around this city.

I want to thank the boys again for getting the cat out of the street. I didn't get their names but I want them to know that they have 10 times the integrity of anyone else that passed by that morning. They've got the kind of character it takes to be a human being.

**Sincerely,**  
**Kristine J. Leltch**  
Feeding Hills

## Behavior Of Councilors Is Shameful On Ouster Move

### To The Editor:

Certain of the councilors who are attempting to unseat the president of the Council should be ashamed of themselves. They were elected to serve the city. They are not serving the city by being disruptive and that's what they are when they "charter object" to almost every piece of business to come before the Council.

The president of the council was elected and has served in a fair and responsible manner. The attempt was made to get rid of her once it was not

unsuccessful. LIVE WITH IT and get on with the business you were elected to conduct.

The business of the city! I hope everyone in Agawam watches the meetings on the public access channel so that they can see how ridiculous the Council looks when the reason they are meeting is thwarted at every turn by the certain councilor or councilors.

Once again we are headliners in the Springfield newspaper. It would be wonderful if the publicity was something good, but we only look like fools who cannot govern ourselves without foolish people making fools of the city. Nancy Thompson is to be commended on her handling of the chair and herself in this very awkward situation.

It appears from the TV coverage that I've seen that she is cool under fire and very much in control despite the harassment she is receiving. She seems to be a very dedicated person.

Please, Council members, get on with the business at hand and if you want to change things, do it at the proper time - at the next scheduled election of the Council president.

**Geraldine Fogg**  
Agawam

## AHS Theatre Dept. Gets Rave Reviews For M\*A\*S\*H

### To The Editor:

Excellent! Outstanding! Hilarious! A smashing success! These were my family's reviews of the Thursday, May 16th performance of M\*A\*S\*H put on by Mrs. Poulin's High School Drama Class.

Hats off to all the actors, crew, lighting, special sound effects, and all who participated in this wonderful play. Once again, a special thank you to Mrs. Poulin for these past few months. Once again, you have overextended yourself and have given these students your utmost attention and dedication.

Your hard work once again has paid off. The High School staff is truly blessed to have you. You serve not only as a friend but as a role model to all. Take a bow, Mrs. Poulin!

Once again, thank you all for a fine and entertaining evening. Good luck to all the seniors who will be leaving us. You will be greatly missed, but always remembered.

Congratulations to all involved. You have truly outdone yourselves.

**Radar's parents,**  
**Debbie & Ray Pond**  
Agawam

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## Agawam Obituary

### John A. MacPherson

John A. MacPherson, 83, of Port Charlotte, Florida, died on May 7th in Fawcett Memorial Hospital.

He was the owner and operator of MacPherson Upholstery Co. in Agawam and retired in 1982. He also worked with his wife of 51 years, Carmelina M. (DeFredo) MacPherson, in her real estate agency.

Born in Glen Williams, Prince Edward Island, Canada, he spent 37 years in Agawam before moving to Becket, MA, after his retirement.

He belonged to the Samuel Osgood Masonic Lodge in Springfield and Eastern Star Golden Chapter 5 in Westfield, and was a past patron of Eastern Star Chapter 144 in West Springfield.

He moved to Port Charlotte in 1987.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Gordon L. of South Weymouth; a daughter, Linda A. Schmidt of Williamsburg; and a sister, Annie MacLeod of P.E.I.

The burial will be at the Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills at the convenience of the family. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 15th, at 10:00 a.m. at Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104, or the Valley Community Church, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

## Police Auxiliary Get Three New Officers



AGAWAM POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CAMPBELL (left) looks on as Town Clerk Richard Theroux swears-in three new members of the Agawam Police Auxiliary - Paula Burke, Anthony Grasso, and Heather Pierce. Also in photo are Auxiliary Police Lt. William Kushin and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, June 13, 1996 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management for property located in Robinson State Park.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
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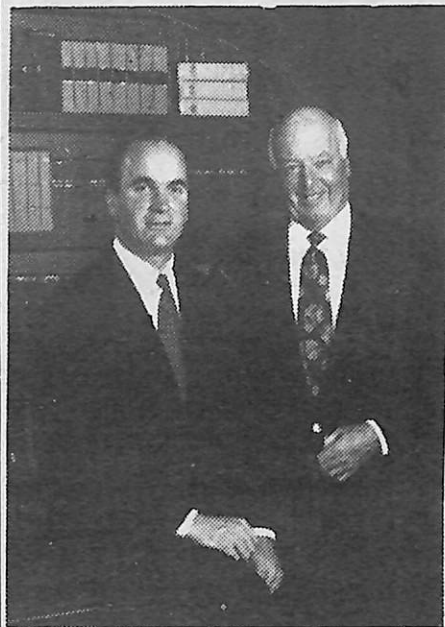
The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 13, 1996 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of Wayne Work for work to be performed on Industrial Lane, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

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## View From The State House

by State Rep.  
Daniel F. Keenan

### The Route 57 Saga Is Not A Finished One

On Friday, November 3, 1995, Phase I of the Route 57 Relocation Project was officially opened to the fanfare of official speeches and expectant vehicles hoping to be among the first to experience the new and improved route.

But the hoopla was nothing compared to the "It's about time" comments offered by the wait-weary residents and motorists of Feeding Hills. For those who have forgotten or are perhaps too young to remember, Route 57 was first constructed as a limited access, six-lane highway from Route 5 west to Main Street in Agawam. The project was planned to eventually carry a new Route 57 all the way to Southwick.

During that initial period, work did proceed. In 1960, Route 57 was extended as a limited access, four-lane highway, west to Route 75 (Suffield Street). Two years later, it was extended westerly 4,000 feet to Mill Street. West of this point, Route 57 remained a two-lane, undivided highway with no access control. It was at this time that local opposition began to grow, which effectively tabled any further extension of Route 57.

As with any project subject to bureaucratic control and red tape, the relocation plan became mired in the competing interests at the local, state, federal levels. Issues ranged from funding for the project to environmental concerns such as

wetlands replication. Finally, on March 29, 1979, the reconstruction of Route 57 was given the go-ahead by John Bewick, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

Again, the project was delayed to the point that on August 7, 1987, the MDPW (now operating as MassHighway) proposed two phases for the relocation project due to environmental concerns over the Leonard Pond wetlands. The proposal posited that this would allow for the completion of Phase I as soon as possible. This first phase would extend Route 57 from the Route 75-Suffield Street interchange to South Westfield Street -Route 187. The second phase would proceed from South Westfield Street ending at Provin Mountain with its terminus to meet with the existing Route 57, just westerly of the Agawam/Southwick town line.

In early 1988, Environmental Affairs Secretary James Hoyte agreed that the project should be split in two. However, he ordered that a new Environmental Impact Report be undertaken and approved since the area had been developed considerably since 1979. A year later, the Final Supplementary Traffic and Wetlands Analysis was approved by another Secretary of Environmental Affairs, John DeVillars. In September of 1990, the MDPW announced plans to go ahead with Phase I.

Other environmental assessments and reports were drafted and submitted for approval from both state and federal agencies. In February of 1992, Phase I was one-third complete in terms of time and dollars. Phase I consisted of several stages which included the widening of South Westfield Street, a temporary detour on Garden Street, a lengthy detour to allow bridge construction over Shoemaker Lane, removal of the existing ramps at Suffield Street, and a relocated Mill Street with the construction of a bridge.

All the while construction of Phase I was ongoing, state and local officials were again meeting to discuss the alternative routes for Phase II with local officials seeking the least disruptive alternative to the Feeding Hills neighborhoods. In June of 1994, the Federal Highway Administration granted the Finding of No Significant Impact, which allowed the go-ahead from the federal government. Discussion between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Ser-

vice, and the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection centered around proposed wetlands replacement areas for Phase II.

In April of 1995, the design public hearing was held for the Preliminary Design (25 percent Review) Plans. It outlined the purpose of the Phase II project: to resolve the long-standing safety concerns and to provide increased capacity along this east-west corridor. It also set forth the property acquisition process for those homeowners whose property will be taken for the relocated highway.

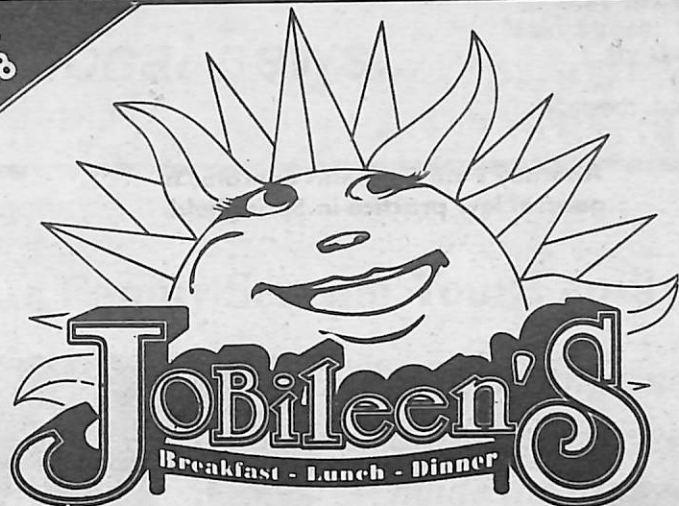
The funding for Phase II is included in the 1996-1998 TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) Project Listing. MassHighway has contracted with the design consultant for the project, and the consultant will begin finalizing the design as soon as funding becomes available under the Transportation Bond. The project is scheduled to be advertised in spring 1998 and construction is expected to begin shortly thereafter.

Key design elements for Phase II include a full diamond interchange at South Westfield Street by adding two access ramps and a bridge carrying South Westfield Street over Relocated Route 57; a proposed bridge carrying South West Street over Relocated Route 57; a proposed bridge carrying Southwick Street over Relocated Route 57 with ramp connections between the Relocated Route 57 and the existing Route 57 near the town line; a proposed noise barrier along the north side of Relocated Route 57 adjacent to the Memory Lane/Hendon Drive neighborhood; and the proposed replacement, enhancement, and preservation of wetland and upland forested areas.

The Route 57 project may be characterized as too short on work and too long on delay. With the completion in sight, residents of Feeding Hills and motorists who use this route will be assured safer road conditions and few traffic bottlenecks. It will take the combined efforts of the Town's local officials, state legislators, and MassHighway officials to keep this project on track and to minimize the disruption to the lives of the people along Phase II. Just as Phase I has received positive reviews, we look forward to similar expressions once the Phase II improvements are complete.

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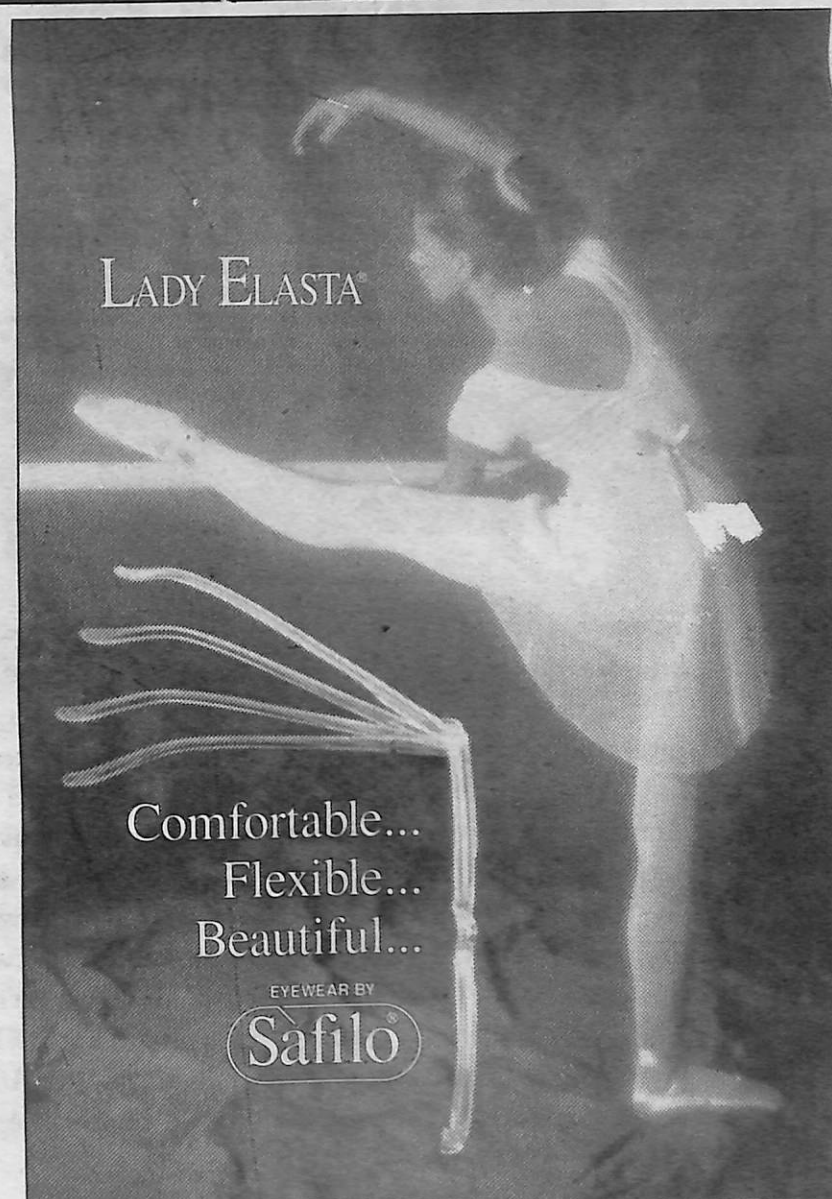
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# Mayor Unhappy With Council's New Budget Review Policy

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

A majority of the Town Councilors agreed with the unanimous recommendation of their rules committee to scrap a budget review process hammered out last year between the Mayor and council.

Sponsored by freshman Councilor and rules committee Chairman Joseph Langone, the new budget review process is a return to the old committee system in place prior to the inception of the mayoral form of government.

At Monday night's meeting, the council voted 7-4 in favor of changing the format from three televised presentations by the Mayor and town department heads in front of the entire council, to a system of four committees that will discuss segments of the Town Budget and then report their findings to the entire council.

Voting in favor were Councilors Joseph Langone, Thomas Ennis, Dennis Perry, Gary Sufriti, Edward Caba, Kent Servis, and David Skolnick.

Against were council President Nancy Thompson, Vice-President Jill Simpson, and Councilors George Bitzas and Christian Quatrone.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson was disappointed with and baffled by the council's action.

"I'm disappointed that the rules committee didn't show the courtesy of discussing the process with me. I don't understand the merit in the change, and the only benefit I can see is that this will be less work for the councilors. We're talking about three nights (of meetings) to make sure that everybody has the information," Johnson said.

Johnson said the committee system was used under the town manager form of government. As a councilor under the town manager form of government, Johnson said he felt that the committee system of budget review did not allow him to become fully informed on budgetary matters beyond those covered by his own committee.

"I thought, why can't I learn about those other areas?" Johnson said.

The budget process worked out between the Mayor and the council last year reflected the manner in which the budget had been presented since

he became the town's first mayor, Johnson said.

Johnson said last year he bought audio/visual aids to the budget discussions so that the taxpayers watching the meetings at home could better follow the budget process.

"Usually the people at home have a hard time following the meetings (without the budget notebooks provided to the council). But last year a lot of residents told me it was great to have the audio/visual aids. Now they could understand (what was going on)," Johnson said.

## A Greater Amount Of Information...

Langone said the new process would provide the council with a greater amount of information and would place the council in a position to scrutinize the budget more carefully.

Ms. Thompson said a similar system was in place before the council changed the budget review process last year, but the committees did not meet. Rather, the entire council listened to a budget presentation from the Mayor.

Servis said the idea of having small groups look at specific parts of the budget is to have an in-depth scrutiny of each line item in the budget.

The councilors in opposition argued that the new system would provide less information to the council as a whole because only the three or five members appointed to each committee would have the opportunity to hear presentations from the Mayor and the town's department heads.

Dissenting councilors said the remainder of the council would have to rely on the reports of the committee members, and the public would not have the opportunity to hear the presentation directly from the Mayor and the department heads.

Ms. Thompson said the televised meetings in front of the entire council had been informative to the council as well as the public (and had been well received by the public).

Caba said he did not think it was the intent of the rules committee to prevent public input into the budget review process. "The citizens can't be deprived of their public hearing," Caba said.

Mrs. Simpson said, "This is the community's budget and we're cutting the public out by going back to small group meetings."

Langone said he would support amending his budget review proposal to specify that the committee meetings were to be held at the Middle School and televised, but no amendments were introduced.

Servis said it was important for the public to have access to the information contained in the budget and he supported having the meetings on television.

Skolnick said under the old committee system, each committee met at the same time in the same place and each group was an entity to itself.

Other council committee meetings are scheduled at a time and place chosen by the chairman.

Bitzas said the budget review process was revised last year because the old committee system did not work and televised meetings with the Mayor and the department heads gave the council a better chance to ask questions rather than rely on reports from other councilors.

"If you have budget meetings without all of us, eight of us stay in the dark," Bitzas said.

Johnson said he will give budget presentations to the newly formed council committees, but he will also give a televised presentation to the community so that the people can see where their money is going.

"It's their money," Johnson said.

Johnson called the new budget review process "a giant step backward."

Each new committee will have three members appointed by the council president, and will focus their attention on specific departments within the overall operating budget of the town. A committee of five councilors already exists to review the School Department budget.

Ms. Thompson asked that the councilors let her know which area of the budget they would be interested in reviewing, but none had indicated a choice by the time Monday's meeting was adjourned.

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## Families

### Phyllis Mason Retires From Housing Authority

Agawam Housing Authority Board Chairman Robert Watson, Jr. recently announced the upcoming retirement of Phyllis Mason from the position of Executive Director.

Mrs. Mason has worked for the Housing Authority in this capacity for 25 years. She states that although she will miss the close associations with employees and tenants, she plans to enjoy the more relaxed atmosphere of retirement.

Over the years, local housing authorities have become more regulated by the state. Regulation, in this case, has been good. Age limits for seniors to apply for safe, sanitary, and affordable housing has been gradually lowered from 65 to the current 60. Income limits and asset limits have been greatly increased. Waiting list time for applicants is greatly decreased from what it used to be. A new concept in the form of congregate living has been instituted and more services are available to seniors than ever before. Many modernization grants have been received from the state for local improvements, with more to come later this year.

Among Mrs. Mason's other accomplishments are former Trustee for the Belchertown State School, 20 years service on the Agawam Board of Registrars, former member and Secretary of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee, former member and Secretary to the Agawam Young Democrats and the Massachusetts Young Democrats, and charter member and former secretary to the Agawam Athletic Association. She has been active in local drives for Cancer, Heart Association, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. She was secretary and president of local PTA groups and a member of the High School Gridiron Moms and the High School Wrestling Booster Club. She is presently a Notary Public and a VNA/Hospice volunteer.

Beginning on June 1st, Joanne M. Beltrandi assumed the position of executive director, as recently appointed by the Board. Mrs. Beltrandi has been with the Authority for 10 years and a smooth transition was anticipated. Mrs. Beltrandi looks forward to a challenging future with the Housing Authority.

### Ag. Public Library To Host Computer Classes On "Windows 95"

The Agawam Public Library will offer four beginner computer classes on Windows 95 on Wednesday, June 19th, and Thursday, July 18th.

Two 45-minute classes will be given on both days. Class times are from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m., and 7:05 to 7:50 p.m. and are limited to five people per class.

Gary Goulet, network administrator for the Town of Agawam, will conduct the two classes on Wednesday, June 19th.

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### Keith M. Paro Enlists In United States Army

Keith M. Paro has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Springfield, MA.

The Delayed Enlistment Program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel, and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Paro, a senior at Agawam High School, will report to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for military basic training on August 8, 1996.

He is the son of George L. and Beverly B. Paro of 79 Poinsetta Street, Agawam.

### Community Grange 382 To Hold Annual Strawberry Supper

The 17th annual strawberry supper sponsored by Community Grange 382 will be held on Tuesday evening, June 18th, at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, Feeding Hills.

There will be continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The menu will consist of potato salad, ham, baked beans, pickles, rolls, strawberry shortcake, and beverages.

The price is \$7 for adults, and \$3.50 for children under 12 years of age.

Reservations are suggested; call Mim Caldwell at 786-2276.

### Agawam Garden Club Members To Tour Farm In Westfield

A wide variety of iris plants and flowers will be the subject of interest for the Agawam Garden Club members on Tuesday, June 11th, when they take a guided tour of the Waite Iris Farm on Tow Path Lane, Westfield.

The farm is owned by Kenneth and Agnes Waite, who will provide information on the planning, growing, and variety of irises.

Members will meet at 6:00 p.m. on June 11th at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam, to pool rides to Westfield, and will forego the usual business meeting and social.

### Police Explorers To Hold Summer Program

Shannon Netopski of the Agawam Police Explorers has announced that there is a program open to all males and females ages 14 and up who are interested in law enforcement and learning while having fun.

The Police Explorers will be meeting on June 9th, 30th, and July 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station.

The members of the Agawam Police Explorers have camp outs, CPR training, gun courses, fingerprinting children, and march in parades. They also learn to speak to the public, learn first aid, security, parking and much more.

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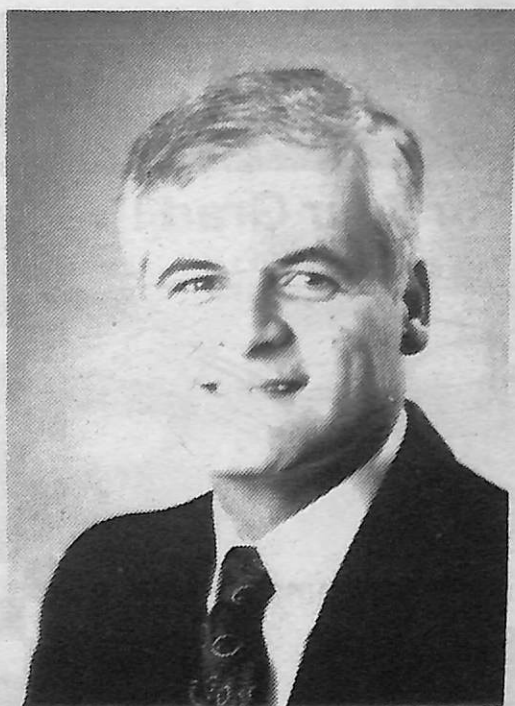
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## Rotary Honors Doris



**THE AGAWAM ROTARY CLUB** recently honored Doris FitzHenry, an employee of Storowton Tavern in West Springfield, for her 25 years of exceptional service to members of the Rotary Club at their weekly luncheons at the popular restaurant. Doris was made an "Honorary Rotarian" by Rotary President Kathy Ayre. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, June 10th:** Pasta & bean soup, egg salad on roll, Waldorf salad, banana.

**Tuesday, June 11th:** B-B-Q pork, carrots, potato wedges, wheat bread, lemon.

**Wednesday, June 12th:** Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, corn, rye bread, canned apricots.

**Thursday, June 13th:** Chicken pot pie (chicken, potatoes, carrots, peas & celery), pickled beets, canned peaches.

**Friday, June 14th:** Father's Day Picnic —Hamburger on roll, potato salad, corn on the cob, strawberry shortcake.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

## FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

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For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

## Schmidts Announce Birth Of Third Child

Mr. & Mrs. David Schmidt announce the birth of their daughter, McKensie Marie, born May 20th at 12:19 p.m.

McKensie weighted six pounds and was 19½ inches long. She was welcomed home by her two brothers, Jake and Matthew.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. John Bellefleur of Agawam. Paternal grandmother is Joann Schmidt of Ohio.

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## Storowton Village Museum Is Set To Open For The Summer

Storowton Village Museum will swing its doors open on Saturday, June 15th, for a day full of free tours of its historic buildings by costumed guides from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., marking the official opening of its summer season.

Eastern States Exposition's picturesque "Village" includes a Meeting House, a School House, a Blacksmith Shop, the John Potter Mansion, the Eddy Law Office, and the Gilbert Farmhouse, which will be staffed by costumed volunteers offering information and answers to visitors' questions. A visit to the Village's newest exhibit, The General Store, located in the F.A. Potter Mansion, will conjure up visions of yesteryear when folks truly experienced "one stop shopping."

Storowton Village Museum is an authentic, reconstructed village of nine 18th and 19th century buildings from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Assembled around a town green, the Village is the culmination of the efforts of the late Helen O. Storow, an outdoor enthusiast and former Eastern States Exposition trustee. Visitors will have the opportunity to take a step back to another era and become immersed in the lifestyle of days gone by.

Stop by the one-of-a-kind Storowton Gift Shop, open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Gift Shop now features books on topics such as cooking, Early American and contemporary crafts, travel, and history.

Other gifts and collectibles include Bennington and Granville Hollow Pottery, Lizzie High Dolls, Yankee Candle Company candles, and Fenton and Puritan Art Glass. The Kid's Korner features historic and modern toys, candy, unique party favors, and books for children ages five to 12. On Opening Day, all visitors will receive a free candy stick.

Visitors having lunch in Storowton Tavern on Opening Day will receive a free ice cream sundae. Complimentary sundae certificates are available in the Storowton Village Gift Shop.

After Opening Day, the Village will be open for tours from June 17th through August 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages six to 16, and free for children under six years of ages. On Opening Day only, June 15th, admission is free.

For more information on this special, free event, call the Village office at (413) 787-0136 or write: Storowton Village Museum, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089.

## Toastmasters Club To Meet June 13th

The Agawam/West Side Toastmasters Club will meet Thursday, June 13th at 7:00 p.m. at Country Estates Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (Route 75, Agawam).

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. GUESTS FROM ALL COMMUNITIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

For more information, please call 731-4064.



GINA L. FAZIO & MARK L. BUSHEY

## Gina L. Fazio To Wed Mark L. Bushey

Gina Luisa Fazio, daughter of Michele and Guglielma Fazio of Agawam, has announced her engagement to Mark L. Bushey, son of Walter and Hazel Bushey of Enfield, CT.

The date for their wedding is March 8, 1997.

The bride-to-be graduated from Agawam High School with honors and has earned an associate's degree from Holyoke Community College. She is employed as a hostess at the family-owned restaurant, Fazio's Villa Calabrese, in East Longmeadow.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Enrico Fermi High School in Enfield and is currently employed at Lego Systems, Inc., in Enfield.

## Annual Training Departure For Alpha Company Is July 13th

Thirty-five NCO's and Officers from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion 104th Infantry at the Armory on Maynard Street, Feeding Hills, will be departing on July 13th for their 15 days of annual training.

They will be attending the Light Leaders Course at Camp Edwards, Cape Cod, MA. This course is a requirement for these soldiers as their unit makes the transition to the 29th Light Infantry Division.

The 29th is the only light infantry division that is comprised of National Guard units. During their annual training, the leaders of Alpha Company will be taking part in waterborne operations, helicopter insertions, land navigation exercises, patrolling, and also their ability to teach tactical battle drill classes to their peers.

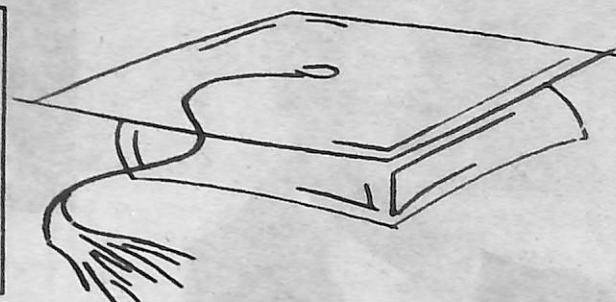
Alpha Company is commanded by First Lieutenant Martin Spellacy of Hatfield, MA.

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# Church News

## Calendar Of Activities At St. David's Church

**JOIN THE PEOPLE AT ST. DAVID'S CHURCH AS THEY CELEBRATE THE NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST** in worship services June 8th and 9th.

The church offers a quiet, contemporary service at 5:00 p.m. and a dignified, traditional service Sunday at 8:00 a.m., both held at the church building, 522 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. The exuberant, renewal service at 10:00 a.m. is held at the Agawam Middle School, and normally features children's Sunday School for grades Pre-K through eight.

This Sunday, however, will feature a special breakfast in the School Cafeteria during the worship service. There is also nursery care for smaller children, and the service is interpreted for the deaf.

This week's services will feature testimonies from the young people recently confirmed, and the message at 10:00 a.m. will be given by a young member of the parish.

St. David's welcomes visitors at all of its worship services.

**FORTY MEN FROM ST. DAVID'S**, plus 10 friends, **WILL ATTEND THE PROMISE-KEEPERS RALLY FOR CHRISTIAN MEN** to be held in Syracuse, New York, this weekend, June 7th and 8th. A total of 50,000 men are expected to be on hand for these two days of teaching, singing, and encouragement in the Christian life.

They will report back on the experiences at services on Sunday, June 16th, Fathers' Day.

**SEVERAL MEN OF ST. DAVID'S** will join the Pastor in a visit to the men of Christ Episcopal Church in Sheffield on Thursday, June 13th, to share with them some of the principles learned in the St. David's men's ministry.

**THE KIDS FOR CHRIST YOUTH GROUP**, for those in grades K-4, will hold its closing picnic this Saturday, June 8th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Siblings of group members will be welcomed.

**THE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN THE ST. DAVID'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** will have a breakfast

at the Middle School this Sunday during the 10:00 a.m. service. Recognition will be given to these students, and to their teachers.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE** through the summer, with a "one-room schoolhouse" program for all ages, taught by volunteer adults, utilizing exciting Christian videos.

**ALSO THIS SUNDAY AT 10:00 A.M., A SCHOLARSHIP** will be given to a graduating High School senior, awarded in loving memory of Albert Boissonneault, and administered by his widow, Ellie.

**FOUR CUB SCOUTS WILL RECEIVE THEIR "GOD AND ME" AWARD** at the 10:00 a.m. service, displaying the work they have done over the past three months in learning about their lives, the life of Jesus, and how their life and His come together.

**CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN FOR OUR NEW FACILITY**, to be located at 697 Springfield Street. The public is welcome to join us in being "sidewalk superintendents," and we covet your prayers.

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR a Building Fundraising Supper** on Saturday, June 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., being held at the Italian Sporting Club in Agawam. Contact the Church Office at 786-6133 for tickets or further information.

### \* NEWS STORY:

**FOUR TEENAGED MEMBERS OF ST. DAVID'S WERE CONFIRMED** at an area-wide service of Confirmation held on Wednesday, June 5th, at the Episcopal Cathedral on the Quadrangle in Springfield.

The former Bishop of the Western Massachusetts Episcopal Diocese, Andrew Wissemann, confirmed Dawn Carpenter, Eric Fay, Laurel Nunn, and Jennifer Rendrick. These young members of the parish completed two years of Christian Study and Service prior to being confirmed.



**MEMBERS OF THE VALLEY COMMUNITY Church in Feeding Hills load pots of hot food they prepared into their van to take to The Loaves and Fishes in Springfield. The lunch was served to over 100 people and is part of an ongoing community missions program of the church.**

## Valley Comm. Church Serves At Area Loaves And Fishes

Recently, several members of Valley Community Church joined together to serve lunch at the Springfield Rescue Mission's Loaves and Fishes.

A hearty meal was prepared at the church and delivered piping-hot to the mission by Sue and Dale Pearsons, Debbie Yorke, Margie Secora, DeeGee, Erik and Tiffany Blackman, and Kathy Manley.

God's blessings were truly felt by both the patrons and the servers, and the church members who participated are eager to return again.

Although this was only the second time the church served at the Loaves and Fishes, the response from church members has been so positive and enthusiastic that plans are underway with the Rescue Mission to increase our involvement.

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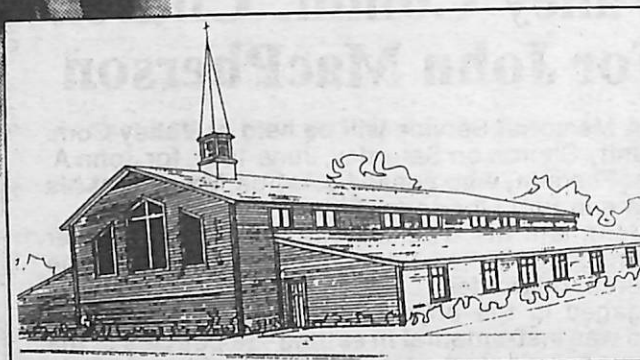


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Matthew 18:20 NIV



### WORSHIP SERVICES:

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## Church News - continued...

## Spring Smorgasbord Held At First Baptist Church



THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH held its Annual Spring Smorgasbord recently. From left - Ruth & Fred Choate go through the serving line; MIDDLE PHOTO - Jean Goss and Rev. Rick Barnes look over the dessert table; PHOTO RIGHT - Don Nowill and Theda R. Meyer were part of the kitchen crew. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## This Week At First Baptist Church

"Lighting the Darkness" will be the topic of Pastor Richard Barnes' sermon this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. morning worship at First Baptist Church. His scriptural text will be taken from 1 John 1: 5-10. Opportunity will be available to contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing missionary offering.

Guest organist will be Nancy Davis, assisting the choir. Children's Church will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Coffee and conversation will follow worship services in Davis Hall.

The Junior Youth group will have a mystery guest speaker at their meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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On our calendar this week:

**Tuesday, June 11th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

**Wednesday, June 12th:** 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

**Thursday, June 13th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

**Saturday, June 15th:** 4:45 and 6:15 p.m., Strawberry Festival Supper (call church office, 786-7300, for reservations).

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On Wednesday, June 12th the Trading Post consignment shop will have its annual closing sale. From 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., all items will be 50 percent off original prices; the shop will close from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Then, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., there will be a \$3 bag sale.

## Memorial Service At Valley Comm. Church For John MacPherson

A Memorial Service will be held at Valley Community Church on Saturday, June 15th, for John A. MacPherson, who passed away on May 7th at his home in Port Charlotte, Florida.

John and his wife, Carmie, have been charter members of Valley Community Church since the church originated back in 1962. John actively engaged in the physical building of the church and was instrumental in setting the policies of the many boards and committees which are still in service at the church.

John was also a member of the Samuel Osgood Masonic Lodge in Springfield and Eastern Star Golden Chapter 5 in Westfield.

John leaves his wife, Carmie; a son, Gordon of South Weymouth; a daughter, Linda of Williamsburg; and a sister, Annie MacLeod of Prince Edward Island, Canada.

The memorial service will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the church, followed by a burial service at Springfield Street Cemetery.

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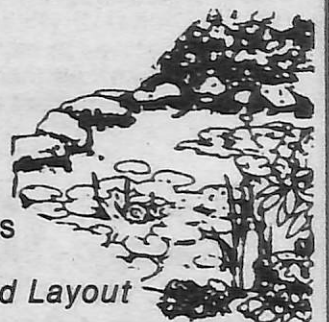
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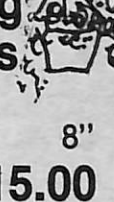
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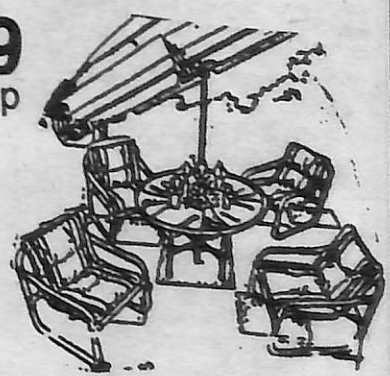


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The Promise Of Power  
At Pentacost...

In the Bible, we are told about the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentacost. The disciples of Jesus became empowered to serve the Lord in new and marvelous ways.

There were strange signs and wonders, with the disciples praying in new languages which the disciples themselves did not understand. Some visitors to Jerusalem even heard the disciples speaking in their own native language, testifying to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jesus had instructed His followers not to leave Jerusalem, but rather to wait "for the gift My Father promised, which you heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

It is obvious from the questions the disciples asked Jesus that they did not understand what He was talking about when He told them they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, to their credit, they waited in faith for whatever it was that Jesus had promised them, just as He told them to do.

In the first chapter of Acts, Jesus' disciples were faithful believers. They had worship services. They believed in the Bible. They even spoke about the Holy Spirit, but only as a distant, unknown entity.

Jesus' followers were anxious to serve Him, to carry on the work He had begun. They had their marching orders, but they lacked the power.

Upon being baptized with the Holy Spirit, Jesus' disciples became invigorated to serve God as never before. Fear was replaced with boldness. They started to do the sort of things which Jesus had done, like healing sick people.

Just as Jesus had predicted, "greater things shall you do in My name" started to actually happen. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Jesus' disciples began to change the world.

The Bible indicates there is a difference between becoming a Christian and being baptized with the Holy Spirit. Becoming a Christian, that is to say, personally and individually accepting and embracing Jesus Christ as one's own Savior and Lord, is absolutely a prerequisite to being baptized with the Holy Spirit.

However, each time the baptism with the Holy Spirit is discussed in the Book of Acts, it is clearly a separate event from becoming a Christian in the first place.

For those who desire to live in the grace and power of God as described in the New Testament, there are two things each person must do.

The first is to be reconciled to God by accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The second is to follow in the disciples' footsteps; to pray and wait in faith for the promise of the Father, the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Some people think the power, as well as the signs and wonders, associated with the baptism of the Holy Spirit were for a previous era, but not for today. There is no indication of that in Scripture.

The Bible does say that tongues, prophecy, and special knowledge will cease when perfection comes, but that will be when Jesus Christ returns in His glory. Until that happens, the Church needs all the power of God it can get.

Harvest Assembly  
Has "Teen Challenge"  
On Sunday, June 9th

The Teen Challenge "Challengers" will be at the Harvest Assembly of God church on Sunday, June 9th, at 10:30 a.m. The Challengers are a group of men from the Brockton center program who will be sharing in song and testimony.

The Teen Challenge program is for people with life-controlling problems such as drugs and alcohol. It is reported to be the most successful of its kind, with a cure rate of over 84 percent.

Started by David Wilkerson in the 1960's, it originally focused on teens, but today is committed to reaching, renewing, and reestablishing men 18 years and older who desire change in their lives.

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3. The only cure for sin and its symptoms is Jesus Christ.

4. Jesus Christ, living within a person, takes the desire for sin out of the person's life.

Harvest Assembly of God is located at 121 Union Street in West Springfield, near the I.H.O.P. restaurant. For more information, call the church at 739-1234.

Strawberry Shortcake  
Supper At Valley  
Community Church

The final chicken supper of the season will be held at Valley Community Church on Saturday, June 8th.

The menu will once again feature baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, hot gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, rolls with butter, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, and a beverage.

The dessert table at this last supper will be colorfully filled with light, flaky biscuits, luscious, red, juicy strawberries, and piles of fluffy-white whipped cream.

Continuous servings begin at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The cost is only \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Reservations are very strongly suggested for this strawberry supper by calling the church at 786-2445 or Shirley Taylor at 786-2576.

Plan to come early and stay late while you enjoy great food and fellowship in a friendly, unhurried atmosphere.

Weekly Calendar From  
Ag. Congregational

Worship service continues at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

This Sunday, June 9th, is Church School Day. All Church School classes will present a special program for the congregation. This year's theme is: "Individuals Coming Together As The Church."

Come and support the children in their Christian education. Ruth Blanch and Jackie Croteau will be received as new members.

The Children's Message will be "You Are A Blessing."

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Next Sunday, June 16th, the new Summer Worship service hours begin at 9:30 a.m. Summer hours will continue through to Sunday, September 1st.

This is also Senior Recognition Day. We will be honoring all our graduating seniors with a special service. The Jr. High students will be leading and participating in the Worship Service.

The summer "Youth Church" will begin this Sunday and continue through the summer, ending on Sunday, August 25th.

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An inter-church teen dance will be held on Friday, June 21st, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Junior High and Senior High dance will have Chuck Malloy as D.J. and "The Doug Nooney Band."

There is a \$3 charge (\$2.50 with a canned good for the Open Pantry). Refreshments will be available.

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The Vacation Bible Camp, "Images Of God," will be held July 29th through August 2nd from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Ages two through the sixth grade are welcome.

Please register early or by July 15th by calling the church office at 786-7111. Cost is \$5 per child (\$10 maximum per family).

There will be a Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m. on the last day of camp, August 2nd, at the church. Canned goods for the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry will be collected at the Potluck Supper.

Nocturnal Adoration  
Soc. To Meet June 7th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at the Dominican Nuns Monastery, Riverdale Road, West Springfield, to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, June 7th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.



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## Church News - continued...

## News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

We will be welcoming Rev. Fred Lawson as our guest preacher this Sunday. Rev. Donaldson will be attending the Mass Conference UCC annual meeting.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Children are welcome to attend church with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

This Sunday, June 9th, will be Open Pantry Sunday. We will have our monthly collection of food, clothing, and cash donations for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry.

Volunteers are needed to prepare desserts for Wednesday to be delivered to the Pantry. Please use the sign-up sheet in Griswold Hall.

Plan to have your dessert at the church by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 12th.

The Board of Trustees have called a special meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Sunday, June 9, 1996 immediately following morning worship in the church sanctuary to act on the following items:

1. To transfer \$7,000 from the Building Fund to be used for replacement of parsonage roof and minor repairs to the church roof.
2. To transfer \$7,000 from the Building Fund to purchase new windows for the parsonage.

The Ladies Benevolent Society is sponsoring the annual Strawberry Supper and Food Sale on Saturday, June 15th. We are in need of helpers for the supper.

If you are interested in picking strawberries, cleaning strawberries, cleaning the kitchen, serving in the kitchen, waiting on tables (food is served family style), or donating baked goods to the food sale, please contact Lani Kretschmar or Bernice Burton on a Sunday morning before or after church, or the church office at 786-5061.

Please note that the deadline to submit articles for *The Informer* is Tuesday, June 11th.

Volleyball is back! Join us on Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. for a vigorous game!

On the calendar this week:  
**Friday, June 7th:** MACUCC annual meeting at Mt. Holyoke; 7:00 p.m., Radio Club.

**Sunday, June 9th:** 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday; Rev. Fred Lawson, guest preacher; Special Meeting in sanctuary; 11:30 a.m., Christian Ed meeting; 5:30 p.m., Crossroads Christian Fellowship.

**Monday, June 10th:** 7:00 p.m., Trustees meeting.

**Tuesday, June 11th:** *Informer* deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions meeting.

**Wednesday, June 12th:** 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, June 13th:** 5:30 p.m., Volleyball; 7:30 p.m., Deacons' meeting.

**Friday, June 14th:** Rev. Donaldson's day off.

**Saturday, June 15th:** 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., LBS Strawberry Supper.

## 50 Children Receive First Communion At St. John's Church

Father John Sheaffer, parochial vicar of St. John the Evangelist Church, recently administered the sacrament of First Communion to 50 parish members.

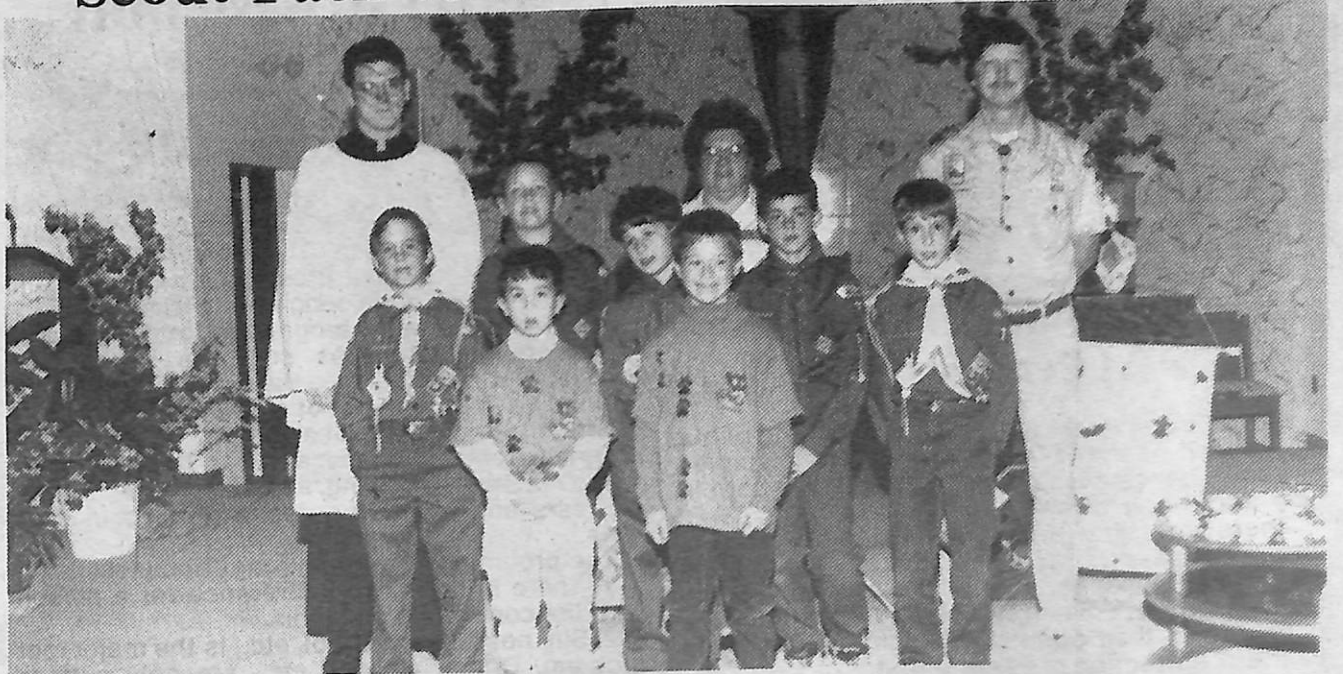
The 1996 Communicants are:

Anthony Ardolino, Max Bertrand, Jennifer Bessette, Kristina Booth, Christina Borgatti, Joseph Bushey, Zachary Bissiere, Daniel Cassidy, James Chaban, Jamie Chavez, Nicole Cirillo, Keeley Conte, Alycia Cove, Jonathan Crothers, Alison Dassatti, Ashley Docherty, Jacalyn Du Varney, Brendan Ennis, Monica Graveline, Justin Howe, Marie Iacolino, Ryan Kocot, Rebecca Largay, Michael LeGrand, Michael Longhi.

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A large number of relatives, friends, and parishioners were present to witness this milestone in the lives of these young parish members.

## Scout Pack 75 Receives Religious Medals



**JASON POLEK and CHRISTOPHER CROSS** are the first members of Cub Scout Pack 75 from Agawam United Methodist Church to earn "The Light Of Christ Medal." The medals are specifically geared towards the younger scouts. Pictured above are (back row) Raymond Drewnowski, Nancy Hallbauer and Cliff Hogan. Scouts in photo include Daniel Paquette, Andrew Oleksak, Craig LaPlante, Kevin Olbrych, Christopher Cross, Jason Polek, and Brian Simpson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Sacred Heart Church In Feeding Hills Lists Upcoming Activities &amp; Events

The next Baptism Class will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, July 13th, at 6:00 p.m. for parents who are about to have a child and for parents who will have their child baptized during the months of July, August, and September, and also for those who are planning to be Godparents for these children.

Please contact Deacon Jim Martone at the rectory, 786-8200, or at his home, 786-0152, to register for the baptism and the class. The next class will be held on October 5th.

Please welcome into Sacred Heart's parish community the following who were recently baptized: **Allison Amanda Grubbs and Rebecca Claire McKiernan.**

Congratulations to their parents and families.

## THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES ... THIS ONE IS ON US!

Sacred Heart's 50th Anniversary Committee invites you to bring your family, your lawn chairs, and your appetite on Saturday, June 15th. We will provide and prepare the food.

An outdoor Mass at 4:00 p.m. will precede the cookout.

This event is being organized by Jim Griffin, who managed our Big "E" restaurant, assisted by some of his faithful Big "E" staff, so you will it will be done well.

Sr. Eileen has promised that it will not rain! In case she is wrong (just this once), the Parish Center will be open.

The 50 years of memorabilia will be displayed in the Parish Center for those who were unable to see it at Chez Josef.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Parish Family's 50th Anniversary outdoor Mass and Cookout on June 15th.

The Mount Carmel Society will be holding a ziti dinner with meatballs and sausage on Friday, June 7th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The dinner will be held in the Mount Carmel Society Hall on Winthrop Street, Springfield. Donations are \$7.

The Spiritual Life Center is looking for a part-time secretary, Tuesdays and Fridays, for four hours. If you are interested, call 734-8843.



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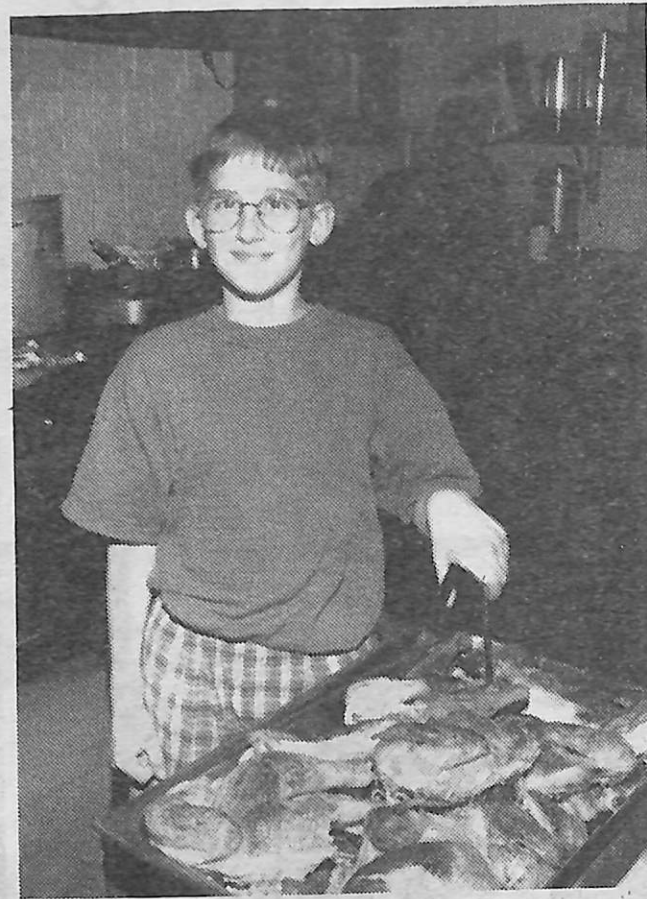
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## Church News - continued...

## Monthly Chicken Supper At Valley Community



THE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH held its monthly chicken supper recently and those who volunteered their services to make the supper a success included, from left - Marjorie Lang, Shirley Taylor, John Perfito, and Alex Morgan. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Children's Day At Ag. United Methodist

Children's Day Celebration will be held June 9th at Agawam United Methodist Church. The Sunday School Heifer Project comes to a climax. Ark banks will be collected. The money received in the "filled" banks will go to the purchase of an animal which will be donated to needy families to aid in the fight against hunger.

Each year a different animal is purchased. This year, rabbits will be given. The litters are shared with other needy families (neighbors). Be a part of sharing. Heifer Project International rabbits will help many families.

Worship is at 9:30 a.m. The Sunday School will present its annual program. Those present will hear from children a message based on the Sunday School curriculum for the year. There will be song, reading, and speaking. They would be delighted with your support. Refreshments will follow in the church's Fellowship Hall.

At 3:00 p.m., children and youth will meet. There will be basketball, badminton, and other sports (both indoor and outdoor). Prayer and hymn-singing at 7:00 p.m.

### Agawam Minister Named By Church

Central Baptist Church, Southbridge, MA has called the Rev. Jennifer Cashman of Agawam as their permanent pastor. Rev. Cashman is a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School with a master of divinity degree.

She earned a master's degree in education from Canisius College and a bachelor's degree in speech from Emerson College. She was ordained last June at the First Baptist Church of Agawam, and has served as the acting pastor in Southbridge this past year.

Rev. Cashman lives at 111 High St., Agawam and is married to Gerald Cashman. They have one daughter, Brooke.

Rev. Cashman feels called to be a bridge between the traditional and the visionary, and between the feminist and the traditional. She felt the call to the ministry as a youngster in the third grade. She maintained that dream despite hearing that she couldn't do it because of her gender.

She will continue to reside in Agawam.

### Strawberry Supper & Food Sale At F.H. Congregational Church

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is sponsoring a strawberry supper and food sale on Saturday, June 15, 1996.

The menu will include potato and egg salad, boiled ham, cole slaw, rolls and pickles, strawberry shortcake, and beverage.

The cost will be \$7 for adults, \$2.50 for children under eight years of age, and free for preschool-age children. Continuous servings will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

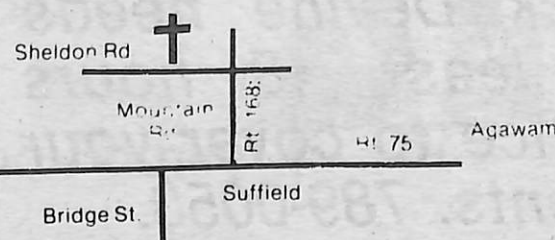
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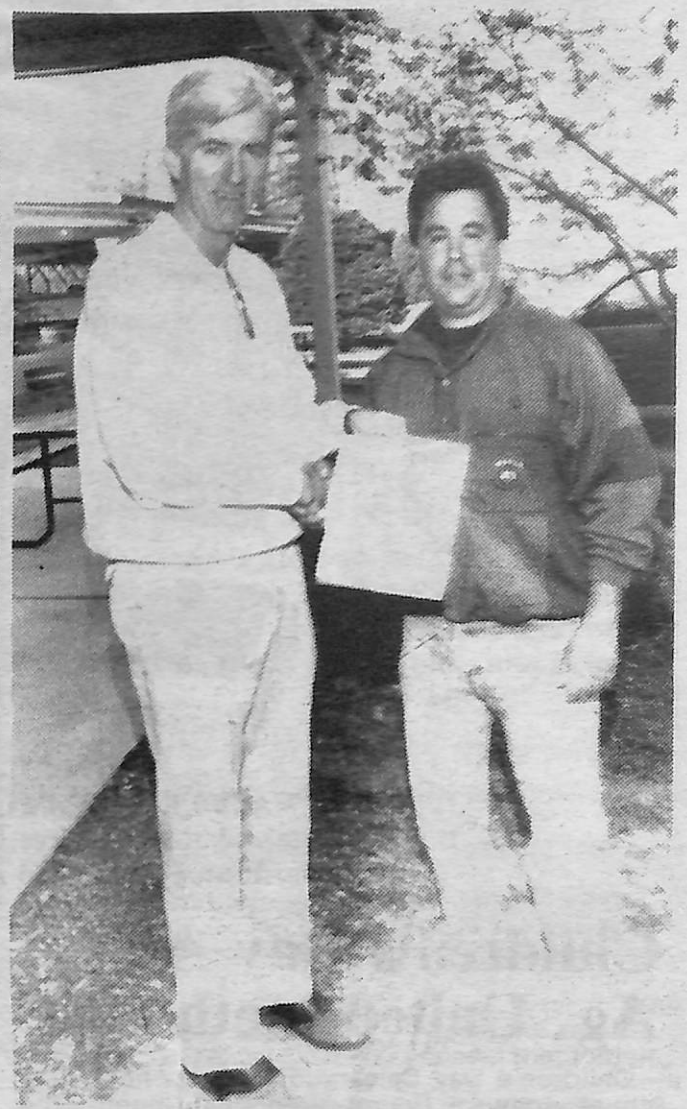
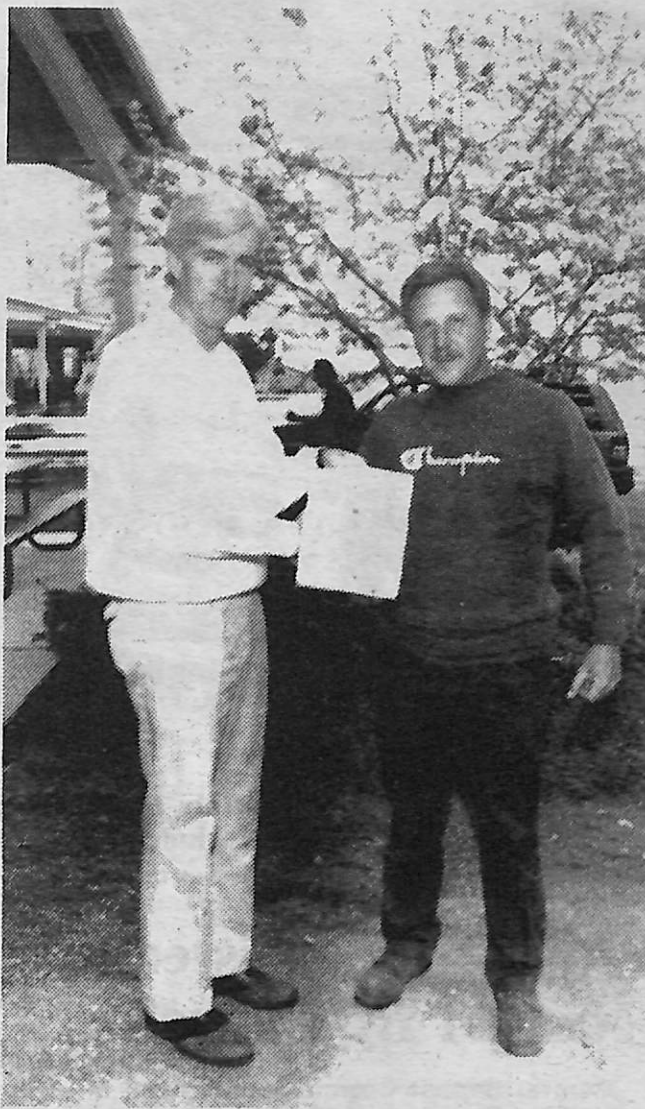
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## Spotlight On Business



**RIVERSIDE PARK OWNER AND OPERATOR Edward J. Carroll, Jr., presents "Maintenance Awards" to employees Joe LaBrecque, Dan Makowski, and Mark Lacombe.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Maintenance Awards Presented By Carroll At Riverside Park

Edward J. Carroll, Jr., president of Riverside Amusement Park, announces that the following maintenance awards were recently presented to employees of "New England's Largest Amusement Park."

**Mark Lacombe** has been named "Maintenance Person of the Year" for 1995. A very flexible person, Lacombe has many leadership skills when it comes to taking charge of a project and seeing it through to the finish. He approaches every job in a very professional manner with regards to all aspects of the project.

With his easygoing demeanor, Lacombe gets along with all types of individuals he's expected to work with. Over the course of his employment at the Park, he has more than proven to be a valued employee, not just in the Maintenance Department but to Riverside Park in general.

**Dan Makowski** has received the "Maintenance Performance Award" for March 1996 for the work that he performed on the construction of the water tower. He was commended on his ability to look at a drawing with no measurements and complete this project from the making of the tapered concrete pad all the way to the completion of the tower.

**Joe LaBrecque** was named "Maintenance Person of the Month" for March 1996 for installing and engineering the new sound system for Riverside Speedway racetrack. He was commended for his attention to the small details and the careful planning that led to a considerable improvement in the stadium's sound.

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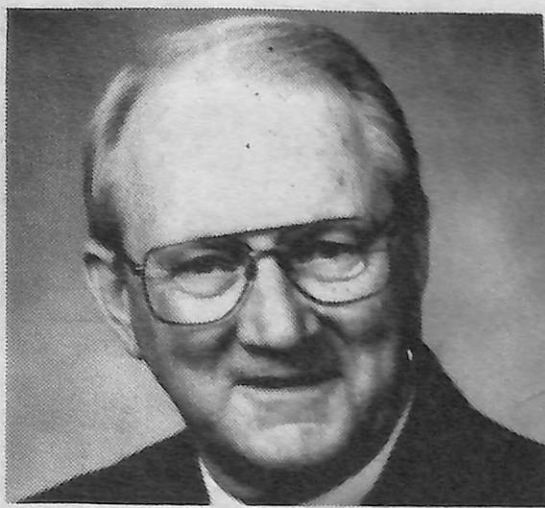
As we age the likelihood increases that gums will recede, exposing part of the tooth structure known as the tooth root. This part, normally below the gum line, is covered with *cementum* which is not as hard as the *enamel* that covers the tooth above the gums. Thus, when the cementum is exposed by receding gums, it becomes susceptible to decay that has its own name: root caries.

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According to Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Development, Pam Townsend, "Canary Blomstrom is an excellent example of why small business has become the life blood of our region. A successful business that has grown an average of 16 percent during the past two years, principles Al Canary and Dick Blomstrom still find time to participate in community activities."

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### Evaluating A Home's Investment Potential

When making a home purchase decision, home buyers should look beyond their current, personal housing requirements and consider the property's long-term investment potential. Resale value and potential appreciation are just as important as amenities and price as decision-making criteria.

Several factors should be considered when evaluating a home's investment potential:

**Is it a good neighborhood?** - The area of the community in which a house is located is most often a strong indicator of its present and future value.

Low crime rates, quality schools, and convenient access to desirable locations (such as shopping malls, grocery stores, and restaurants) substantially increase home values, while proximity to airports, traffic, noisy nightclubs, poorly maintained neighboring homes, and low-quality street surfaces, lower the investment potential of an otherwise suitable residence.

Homes located on quiet, tree-lined streets usually sell faster than those near busy intersections or highways.

**Does the home offer a functional floor plan with a feeling of spaciousness?** - The typical home buyer will be attracted to a floor plan that makes the most of its square footage in terms of usable space with spacious rooms, sensible room placement and traffic flow, and comfortable design.

Most homeowners will also be drawn to the benefits of additional cabinetry and storage

## Seminar On "Women & Investing" Slated At Federal Hill Club In Agawam

Women make up 51 percent of the U.S. population, earn over one-trillion dollars (36 percent of the national income), and over 30 percent of the 14 million individually owned businesses in America belong to women (according to the U.S. Labor Census and June 1992 *Money Magazine*).

Despite these impressive numbers, many women do not receive the attention they deserve when it comes to investing their money.

On Saturday, June 15, 1996, A.G. Edwards investment broker Doug Rossi will host an informative seminar entitled *Women and Investing*. The meeting will be held at the Federal Hill Restaurant on Cooper Street in Agawam at 10:00 a.m.

"Women have been entering the workforce in larger and larger numbers for some time. They

want the same things from an investment broker that men want: someone they can trust and someone who will answer their questions," says Rossi.

The approximately one-hour-long seminar will focus on how to get started in investing, why you need to start now, and how little money it takes to get started.

Rossi points out that this seminar should be of interest to women of all ages, as research by the Investment Company Institute shows 90 percent of all women will become wholly responsible for their finances at some point in their life.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

## Olde Towne Bagel Celebrates First Year



**OLDE TOWNE BAGEL** owner and operator Al Santos (behind counter) waits on customers at his one-year anniversary party last month. Olde Towne Bagel is located on Main Street, Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS** gathered at Olde Towne Bagel on Main Street, Agawam Center recently to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the business. Olde Towne Bagel has some of the most tasty bagels around and also serves breakfast on the weekends. You will also find delicious desserts and daily specials at Olde Towne Bagel which is owned by Agawam resident Al Santos. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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space, large closets, and service areas. Features such as high ceilings, kitchen "islands," and split levels are generally a matter of individual preference, but the majority of home buyers will avoid trendy and eccentric structural designs that offer no added purpose or convenience and may "date" the home.

**Does the house have an attached garage?** - An attached garage increases the attractiveness of a home and provides protection for your automobiles and other vehicles, as well as additional storage space.

Home buyers also should consider the size of the garage and driveway, as well as the availability of street parking for visitors, when assessing a home's potential investment value.

**How old is the building?** - Homes built since 1980 earn a price premium in the housing market. The plumbing, heating, and electrical wiring in an older structure may require frequent repair or replacement. Newer homes also are generally better constructed to withstand natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornadoes.

**Has the home been maintained by previous owners?** - The overall appearance of a home is crucial to its investment potential. Homes that are diligently cared for on a regular basis will appear more presentable and require less drastic repairs and improvements over a long-term period.

Buyers should examine the interior and exterior paint, landscaping and yard maintenance, quality and condition of the carpet and tile, and the general cleanliness of the house when making a purchase decision.

Check whether the home has passed inspections or has been professionally treated for termites and other insects to learn if it is structurally sound. A home with a newly remodeled kitchen featuring spacious counter tops, extensive cabinet space, and windows for ventilation and natural light will be especially attractive to prospective buyers.

**Is there a usable yard?** - Yards in the front and back of the house can significantly increase a home's investment potential. Many home buyers want a backyard that can accommodate large outdoor pets, family recreation (a swing set, sand box, badminton net) and entertaining (tables and chair, BBQ).

A nicely landscaped front yard gives a home more curb appeal, thereby increasing its value.

**Does the house have a nice view?** - Many home buyers are willing to pay a premium for a home that has a view of the sunset, waterscape (river, ocean, lake, harbor, etc.), forest, or mountains.

In addition to its obvious aesthetic appeal, a view lot can increase a home's value tremendously. Sellers generally secure a higher return—even in a fluctuating price market—due to the constant demand for view properties.

These are just some of the elements to consider when evaluating a home's investment potential. A professional real estate agent can provide you with additional investment tips and help you select a home with excellent investment potential.

For further information, call or write to: CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc., 820 Suffield Street, Agawam, MA 01001, (413-789-1117), or stop by their office located in the Southgate Plaza, Agawam.



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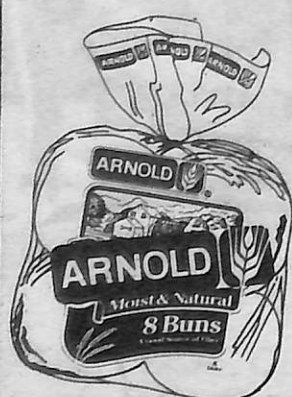
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MR. EDWARD MORASSI (left), 1996 Honorary Parade Marshal, placed a wreath near the Memorial Bell on the Veterans' Green and was escorted by Jay O'Sullivan, Commander Elect, American Legion Post 185. Mr. Morassi is an Agawam World War II veteran and ex-POW.



STUDENTS FROM ANN MARIE'S DANCE PLACE PLUS were among the participants in this year's Memorial Day parade.



THE AGAWAM VETERANS' COUNCIL was well-represented in the Memorial Day parade in Agawam.

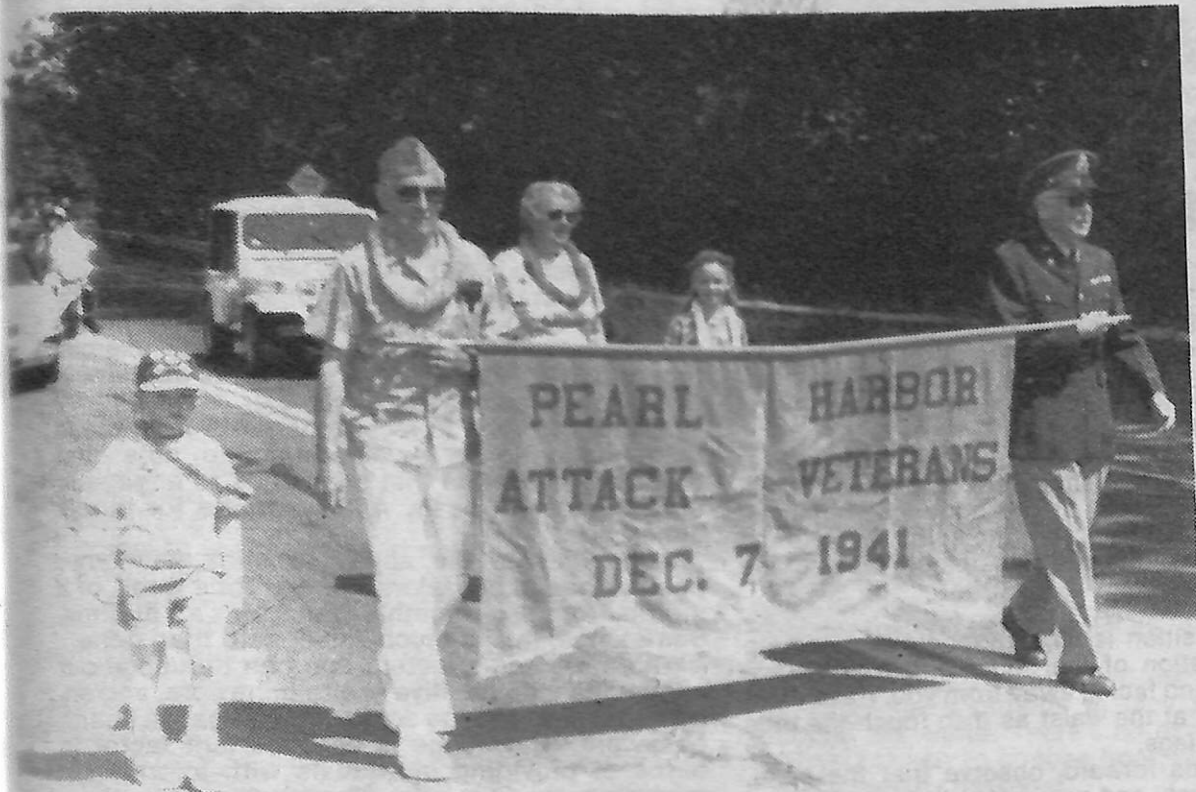


THE AGAWAM "SENIOR GAMES" ATHLETES (ASGA) demonstrated their walking skills during the town's Memorial Day parade.



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(Photos By Jack Devine)



VETERANS OF THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR and their family members showed their patriotism by participating in the parade.



"SMILE FOR GRANDPA!" - Colin and Kellee Devine showed AAN photographer Jack Devine how happy they were during the Memorial Day observances in Agawam on Monday, May 27th.



ONCE AGAIN, THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND was on hand to provide the town's Memorial Day parade with emotionally-charged music.



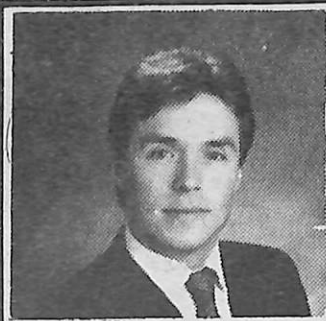
AMONG THE LOCAL OFFICIALS who walked in the Memorial Day parade were Agawam Town Councilors Christian Quatrone, Nancy Thompson, Jill Simpson, and David Skolnick.



ONE OF THE MOST SOLEMN MOMENTS during Agawam's commemoration of Memorial Day was when Jerry Couture tolled the Memorial Bell on the Veterans' Green.



# For Your Health



## Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph S. Schlaffer  
Schlaffer  
Chiropractic Offices  
192 Shoemaker Lane  
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### What Is Scoliosis???

**Question:** Recently, our 12 year-old daughter was told at school that she had scoliosis. I notice that her shoulders are not level, and one shoulder blade sticks out further. Could you explain this condition and could chiropractic help her?

**Answer:** The term "scoliosis" means curvature of the spine. Some types of scoliosis have known causes, such as scoliosis secondary to the muscular weakness of polio, different types of nerve degeneration, and birth defects.

Another very common type is called idiopathic scoliosis. The term "idiopathic" means "of unknown origin." When idiopathic scoliosis was named, the origin was unknown.

Today, experts in the area of spinal biomechanics have shown its cause to often be an imbalance of the muscular support to the spine from imbalanced nerve function. The key to correcting the condition is to find the problem early, before irreversible changes take place.

It is difficult to obtain correction when the scoliosis has progressed far enough for bone adaptation to take place. Scoliosis usually develops in the pre-teen or early teen years, when

the body is growing rapidly.

The rapid growth and increasing curvature of the spine cause the vertebrae to grow in a wedge shape, instead of square and level. The rib cage adapts to the bend and twist of the spine. When the bones form in this position, it is almost impossible to obtain correction.

Treatment at this advanced stage can retard or halt the progress of the scoliosis, but complete correction is not obtainable. The obvious answer to the problem is to find the imbalance when it first develops, thus preventing the abnormal bone formation.

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Parents may be unaware of the early signs of developing scoliosis, and the condition has to be relatively advanced before it is recognized. There are many signs of developing scoliosis that parents can look for.

Observe your child's general structural balance. The pelvis, shoulders, and head should be level. The shoulder blades should be balanced and of equal distance from the spine. Look for an equal balance of the muscles on both sides of the spine.

Adam's position is an orthopedic test to help visualize rotation of the spine and trunk. Have your child stand facing away from you. Have them bend forward at the waist as if to touch the toes with straight legs.

As he bends forward, observe that the head, shoulders, trunk, and pelvis stay balanced all the way down.

These are some important things that may allow you to detect a scoliosis at its beginning so that appropriate treatment can be rendered.

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## Dr. Buddy L. Denison Of Agawam Acquires State-Of-The-Art Computer

One of the latest technology breakthroughs in dentistry is a voice-activated computerized system for recording dental examination findings and making dental charts.

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Dr. Buddy L. Denison of 46 Suffield Street, Agawam is one of the first dentists in the area to acquire this new technology. According to Dr. Denison, "The biggest advantage of computerized dental examinations is patient awareness and understanding."

Dr. Denison says, "Patients are more involved

in the examination process because they hear the findings being repeated by the system's speaker, they see the findings being entered on the display screen, and the multi-colored charts are easy to understand. In addition, the findings of subsequent examinations can be superimposed on current findings so patients may readily see the progress that's being made."

Dr. Denison continued, "Patients are fascinated by this robot-like technology. We dentists are always looking for ways to help patients better understand their dental conditions. This computerized charting system is one of the best ways I've discovered to meet that goal."

Pro-Dentec of Batesville, Arkansas is the manufacturer who is bringing this computerized charting system to the dental profession. According to a Pro-Dentec spokesperson, this new technology is enjoying widespread interest and rapid adoption by dentists throughout the nation.

## Living Well...

## Staying With A Healthy Lifestyle

by Barb Vinciguerra, MS  
Assistant General Manager  
Fitness First Health and Fitness Center

Every week in this column, we try to focus on positive behaviors that contribute to a healthy lifestyle. Some examples of positive health behaviors would be eating healthy foods, exercising regularly, managing stress, and abstaining from cigarette smoking.

In order for you to receive benefits from these recommendations, it's important to note that these are behaviors that one needs to engage in on a consistent basis. Another name for this is adherence.

Adherence is the ability to stick with your positive health behaviors, not just for a week, or a month, or six months, but for a lifetime. Sometimes, this is much easier said than done.

There are some factors that can influence our adherence with positive health behaviors, and encourage us to change some of our negative health behaviors. Knowledge is an important factor in terms of providing individuals with information regarding the benefits of changing towards a more positive lifestyle or the detrimental effects of continuing on with a negative lifestyle.

In many cases, however, knowledge is not enough. Smoking is a good example. We have so much knowledge regarding the detrimental effects of smoking, yet how many people still continue to smoke? Probably the most important factor that influences an individual's adherence in a healthy lifestyle is his or her attitude.

In many cases, having the right knowledge can help to change your attitude about a certain behavior, but that still is not a guarantee that you will start and continue with a positive health change. Individuals need to work on incorporating positive behaviors on a regular basis so that you develop a commitment to a healthy lifestyle.

Think of it as developing habits that have a positive effect on your health. So, whether you commit to eating better, getting more sleep, decreasing the amount of stress in your life, or exercising on a more consistent basis, strive to make it a part of your daily routine, and only then it will become a positive lifestyle behavior that you will engage in for the rest of your life.

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## For Your Health - continued...



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by  
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## Simple Strengthening Exercises For The Low Back

Last week, we discussed two simple stretches that were great for the low back — the knee-to-chest and the hamstring stretch. This week, we're going to discuss two simple exercises to help strengthen the low back.

One is very simple, the pelvic tilt. This exercise is great to relieve tension in the lower back area, tighten your buttock muscles, and at the same time, tighten the abdominal muscles. This exercise will strengthen the muscles so that you are able to sit and stand with good posture.

Lie on your back and bend both knees. Tighten your buttock muscles and at the same time tighten the abdominal muscles to flatten your low back against the floor. Hold this tension for five to eight seconds, then relax. Repeat two or three times.

The next exercise is the leg raise. This simple exercise is great for strengthening the low back muscles.

Lie on your stomach. Tighten abdominal muscles to help support the low back. Keep the legs straight. Raise one leg approximately two to four inches off the floor, hold three to five seconds, relax. Repeat with the other leg. This exercise can also be performed raising both legs at the same time.

These two strengthening exercises are very simple, yet effective. They should be performed at least two times per day, once in the morning and once in the evening. Just before bed and upon awakening are good times to remember to do these.

If you would like more information regarding these stretches, please contact our office.

Dr. Nelson maintains a private practice at Hampden County Chiropractic at 850 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

Diverse Dining—  
The Healthy Way!!!

Dining out is a daily event in American life, no longer reserved for holidays or special occasions. Whether it's a multi-course power lunch among business executives or a sandwich at the mall to fuel a hungry shopper, Americans consume greater than 50 percent of their meals away from home.

Both new and established restaurants are expanding menu options to include dishes from around the world. There's an exciting variety of ethnic entrees to choose from, but which will fit into a healthy lifestyle?

Read on for tips on how to sort through the cultural cuisine options and make wise choices no matter what country you happen to be dining in each day!

**Special requests:** Ask and you shall receive ... well, this is not always true when dining out, but it certainly can't hurt to ask. A pleasant voice and a smile when making your request, and you'll be surprised what the waiter or waitress will do to accommodate you.

Also—don't be timid! Your requests indicate to your server and others at your table that you are taking charge of your health.

Some examples of requests you may wish to make include: ordering salad dressing on the side, ordering a greater proportion of vegetables than meat in a dish, or substituting marinara sauce for alfredo.

**Time to choose:** Following is a list of basic menu terms as well as various ethnic entrees to order less often and those to order more often.

These tips will help you enjoy the cultural diversity of dining out along with your healthy lifestyle.

## BASIC MENU TERMS:

**Order less often:** Crisp; pan fried; au gratin; braised; scalloped.

**Order more often:** Poached; steamed; grilled; broiled; baked.

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**Order less often:** Egg rolls; sweet and sour dishes; fried rice.

**Order more often:** Clear soups; stir-fried vegetable dishes; steamed or boiled rice.

## ITALIAN:

**Order less often:** Alfredo sauce; cheese and beef ravioli; veal parmigiana.

**Order more often:** Marinara, red clam, and marsala sauces; pasta primavera; chicken cacciatore.

## MEXICAN:

**Order less often:** Guacamole and sour cream dip; refried beans; deep-fried entrees.

**Order more often:** Salsa; black beans and Spanish rice; fajitas (chicken or lean beef).

## FRENCH:

**Order less often:** White, Hollandaise, Bernaise, or butter-based sauces; onion soup.

**Order more often:** Bordelaise, Diable, Madeira, and Provencal sauces; clear broth soups without a layer of melted cheese.

## THAI:

**Order less often:** Dishes made with coconut milk (such as curry sauce); crispy or fried dishes; dishes served with peanuts.

**Order more often:** Basil sauce, chili sauce, and lime sauce; steamed, sizzling, or stir-fried dishes served with vegetables.

## JAPANESE:

**Order less often:** Deep-fried items such as Tempura.

**Order more often:** Grilled, skewered meat and vegetables; "Yakimono" dishes (broiled).

## INDIAN:

**Order less often:** Dishes cooked with "ghee" (clarified butter) or coconut; pistachio or almond garnish; puffed or multi-layered bread (such as Poori or Paratha).

**Order more often:** Dishes cooked with yogurt and marinated in spices; dried fruit garnish; thin or leavened breads (such as Chapati or Nan); bryanis or pilafs (rice dishes).

## MIDDLE EASTERN:

**Order less often:** Items made with phyllo dough (such as Spanikopita); Tahini and Bechamel sauce; Falafel (fried).

**Order more often:** Grape leaves stuffed with rice (such as Dolma); lemon dressing and garlic sauce; Tabooli (marinated).

Nancy Dell, MS, is the Media Representative for the Western Mass. Dietetic Association and a Registered Dietitian with a private practice in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.

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For Your Health - continued...

# Managing YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel  
M.S., S.M.C.



## Children Need Much Feedback, Not Criticism

Dear AAN Reader: I have delivered close to a half-dozen major presentations to school, parent, and professional groups within the past two months.

Much of my focus was on methods to develop children's self-esteem and their ability to connect to adults who can guide and nurture them through life's inevitable trials and tribulations.

An interesting and powerful piece of "advice" I spoke about was that parents and concerned

adults have to make special efforts (like when your supply of AMP [Adult Mature Patience]) to give kids feedback that lets them know what your expectations are and that you have confidence that they can meet.

Kids need to know that you believe in their ability to walk even a fine line. You insure success by building in structure and consequences that you can truly follow-up on (i.e., if your child was supposed to be home by 4:00 p.m. and he/she arrives at 4:15, then it is absolutely critical to review in an "informational manner" what the rule [which was pre-established by YOU] about being home and what the logical consequence is to be).

Negative criticism is often heard audibly, but rarely "digested" for any growth by the child. Many times, it is not what you say, but how you say it. SO, parents and grandparents and teachers and concerned adults, take a deep breath and give feedback to get feedback. Only then can we produce a better game plan for the "next time." Negative criticism often short circuits what could be a learning experience and a chance to help increase the way a child positively feels about

himself or herself. Take that to the bank! Please send any questions about stress, personal or work related, to Dr. Steve Sobel, c/o The AAN, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

**IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER:** On Saturday, June 8, 1996, Dr. Steve Sobel, in conjunction with *The Agawam Advertiser*, will be speaking at The Captain Leonard House. The topic is "The FIRST Annual Child Self-Esteem and Empowerment Day For Children Ages 9 to 14."

Time is from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 per Agawam child or \$15 for non-resident children. Call *The AAN* or Dr. Steve Sobel at 785-1259 for more details. Register early.

**THE SOBEL DATELINE:** Dr. Sobel is scheduled to be the commencement speaker for the Hampshire Regional School District this spring. He was the commencement speaker at Western New England College last spring.

He also will be the keynote speaker at the Marriott Hotel at Copley Place in Boston on Friday evening, April 12th to the group YOURS FOR CHILDREN. Hope to see your child on June 8th!!

**PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Thanks.**

## Sibling Class At Providence On June 13th

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will conduct a Sibling Class on June 13th from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in room 5, third floor/west wing of the hospital.

The program, aimed at children ages three to 10, is designed to prepare big brothers and sisters-to-be for the arrival of a new baby.

Instructor Rita Ramsey, R.N., uses storytelling, role-playing, and life-sized dolls, and allows ample time for questions and answers.

The cost is \$10 per family (sliding scale available), and advance registration is required.

For more information, call (413) 539-2950.

## Child CPR Slated At Prov. Hosp.

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will offer an Infant/Child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) program on June 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the hospital auditorium.

The program, which includes choking intervention, is recommended for parents, parents-to-be, grandparents, and babysitters. Individuals participating in the class will meet American Heart Association CPR certification requirements.

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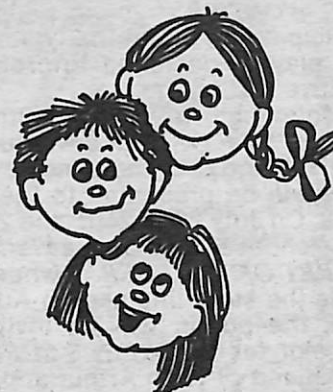
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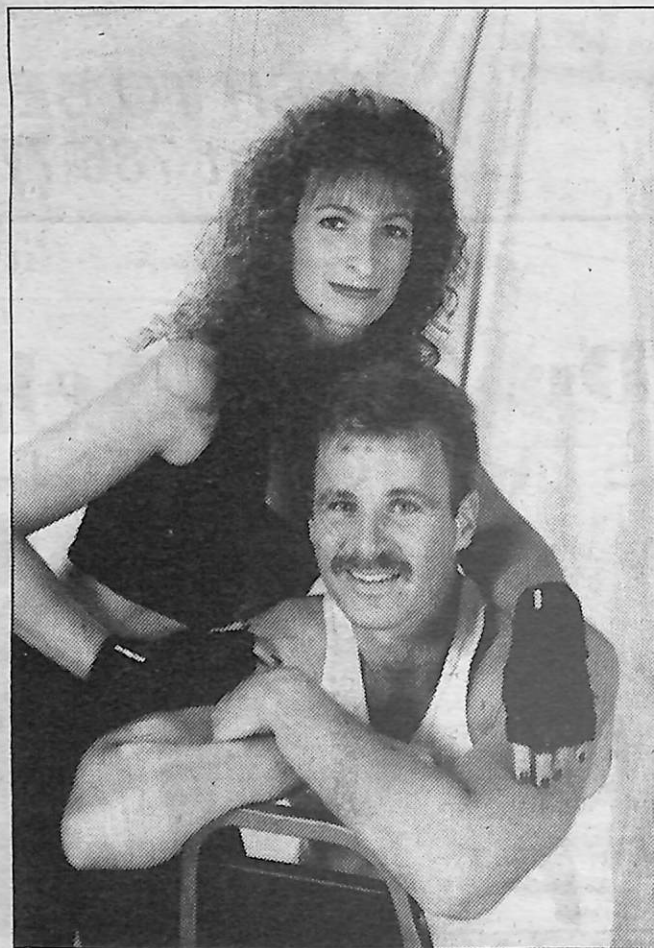
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## Arts

### STAGE Develops Fifth Summer Camp For Youth Theatre

Due to the enormous response to its summer theatre camp program, STAGE Children's Theatre has developed a fifth camp. This theatre camp is designed for children ages five through eight years and will run August 12th-16th from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The camp will be held at THE RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, MA.

THE RED DOOR THEATRE will be alive with children's programming this summer. Beginning June 24th with a Jr. Camp entitled "LOOK OUT AND WONDER," young people of all ages will participate in theatrical games, activities, and role playing designed to promote creativity and positive self image.

Beginning July 12th, 13th, and 14th, with "SCRAPS OF OZ" (an adventure in Frank Baum's magical land over the rainbow), theatrical productions will be presented to the public every other week. On July 23rd, 24th, and 25th, the production is a "choose your own adventure" story - "THE SECRET OF FOREVER" - where the audience will guide the story line and on August 9th, 10th, and 11th, the public will be invited to the land of Camelot for "MERLIN'S MIRROR," a tale from the legend of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

Registration for the fifth camp, "GOING BUGGY," is now open. The camp fee is \$125 for this one-week session. Enrollment is limited. For more information or to register, call 789-2026.

### "Pet Storytime" At Agawam Library On Tuesday, June 11th

In honor of "Pet Appreciation Week," Agawam and Feeding Hills children between the ages of 2½ to five are invited to an evening storytime all about pets on Tuesday, June 11th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring your own STUFFED animal as we share pet stories and crafts.

Please call 789-1550 or stop by the library at 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, to register.

### Encore Performance At Red Door Theatre!



"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" cast members sign autographs for their young audience in last year's sellout production. An encore, one performance-only show will be presented on Sunday, June 9th at 2:00 p.m., at the Red Door Theatre at the grounds of Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills. For tickets, call 789-2026. All tickets are \$4 each.

### Agawam Residents Invited To Attend Native American Festival In Southwick

Southwick: The Southwick-Tolland Regional High School Diversity Committee is sponsoring a Native American Dance and Craft Festival at the High School on Saturday, June 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Southwick.

The Festival will include Native American dancing, including Eastern and Western dances, educational demonstrations, storytelling, and audience participatory opportunities. Fancy, Grass, Jingle, and Traditional Dancers will be participating.

Representatives from the Lenapi, Oneida, Cherokee, Ojibwa, Haida, and Wampanoag nations are among the participants. Native

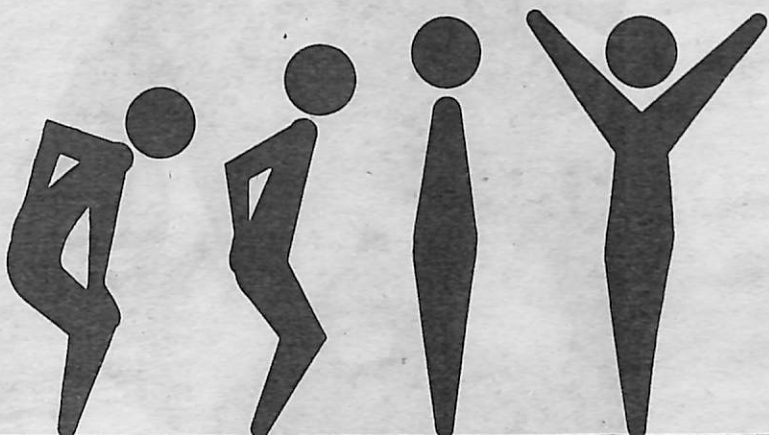
American crafts which will be available include handmade bead, feather and leather goods, and jewelry from vendors all over the Northeast.

The cost of admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Children under six will be admitted free of charge. Group rates are also available. The event will be held rain or shine. All proceeds from the event will be used to promote diversity and cultural programs at the Southwick-Tolland Regional High School. All facilities are handicapped accessible.

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## Education

### U.S. Rep. Neal Brings Flag To Phelps School

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

In February, it flew over the United States Capitol in Washington. Now it flies over Benjamin Phelps School on Main Street.

Recently, U.S. Representative Richard Neal (D-Springfield) assisted Phelps third grader Lauren Liberti in sending the flag up the school's flagpole as the kick-off to this Memorial Day observances.

Local officials joined Lauren, her classmates, and teachers in pledging their allegiance to the flag as Neal conducted the flag ceremony on the school's front lawn.

As Neal tells it, the idea of donating the Capitol flag to the school came from one of his earliest political supporters, Lauren's grandmother, Margaret Liberti.

"Margaret is one of my great pals. She's been so loyal to me for so long and I know she lives for her grandchildren. When she asked me to come—no, she told me to come, there was only one answer," Neal said.

Neal recalled the early days of his political campaigns talking with supporters in Margaret and Joe Liberti's living room.

"I wrote Congressman Neal a letter asking if he had time if he could stop at the school and I asked him how he was doing," Lauren said.

After giving the children a brief overview of the workings of government at the state, local, and federal levels, and then fielding questions on the congressional pay scale and the difficulty of the job, Neal stressed hard work and sacrifice as the keys to success.



**AT THE FLAG-RAISING CEREMONIES** at Phelps Elementary School on May 24th, from left - State Rep. Daniel Keenan, U.S. Rep. Richard Neal, Phelps student Lauren Liberti, Principal Robert Farrell, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and Town Clerk Richard Theroux. **RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Neal told the children that Thomas Jefferson gave us some great advice when he stated, "To expect great things without great effort is foolishness."

"Being born in America means you can be anything you want with a lot of hard work and sacrifice," Neal said.

Neal credited his rise to the United States Congress to "sweat equity. Nobody ever worked harder than me."

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson thanked Neal for his help in getting another flag for the town.

"We're proud to have a flag at Phelps that flew over the Capitol," Johnson said.

State Representative Daniel Keenan (D-Blandford) praised Lauren's generous act in donating the flag to her school.

#### Making Phelps A Better Place

"Lauren did something to benefit the community she lives in by making Phelps a better place," Keenan said. "Helping your community make everyone better is a message that will carry you a long way through your childhood and your adult life."

Third grade teacher Beth Robinson said the children were excited about Neal's visit. "We've been building up to this in our social studies work on government. We're hoping the children understand how special it is for us to have this."

Lauren said she got the idea to ask for a flag for her school after talking with her grandmother about the days when the two had visited Neal in his office when he was serving as the Mayor of Springfield.

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## Phelps Students Get Government Lesson From Rep. Neal



U.S. REP. RICHARD NEAL (D-Springfield) is pictured with longtime supporters Margaret & Joe Liberti on the front driveway of Phelps School on Main Street. Neal brought a U.S. flag to the school and was greeted by student Lauren Liberti, Margaret & Joe's granddaughter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## AHS To Host "Open House" For Eighth Graders And Parents

An "Open House" for the current eighth grade students and their parents or guardians will be held in the Agawam High School cafeteria on Thursday, June 13, 1996 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

A presentation by the administration, academic coordinators, guidance department, student leaders, and others will be made about the high school.

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U.S. CONGRESSMAN Richard Neal (D-Springfield) brought a flag to Phelps School on May 24th that had previously flew over the U.S. Capitol. The idea of donating the flag to the school came from longtime Neal supporter Margaret Liberti, the grandmother of third grader Lauren Liberti. Neal talked to students about the federal government on his stop at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Karen Lynn Gregory Is Elected To Honor Society At Vassar

Karen Lynn Gregory, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gregory of Agawam, has been elected to the Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociological Honor Society at Vassar College. Karen is a graduate of Cathedral High School and will be entering her senior year at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

The Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society was founded by Dr. Emory S. Bogardus of the University of Southern California in 1920. From its inception, Alpha Kappa Delta was a non-secret organization of scholars dedicated to the scientific investigation of social phenomenon for the purpose of service, and presently continues in this role.

In order to be elected to Alpha Kappa Delta, students must be a junior or senior with good academic standing (GPA 3.0) in the sociology department.

## Local Students Are Inducted Into Honor Societies At WNEC

Area students have been inducted into national honor societies during the 1996 Honors Convocation at Western New England College.

Matthew P. Normand of Agawam was inducted into the national psychology honor society, Psi Chi. He is the son of Paul Normand of Easthampton, MA, and Beverly Normand of Agawam.

Linda M. Porowski of Agawam was inducted into the national business honor society, Delta Mu Delta.

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## Two AHS Friends Are Named "Artists Of The Month" For May

Two friends have been chosen by Mrs. Geraldine Ann Schilling-Nordal as high school artists for the month of May. They have taken art classes for the past three years and have worked together on a variety of projects, including the painting of the side of a building at Riverside with a mural.

At least one paying job comes in through the department every year, and capable students can volunteer for the after-school employment. They were volunteers. Their graduating peers have also chosen them as Class Artists for 1996 in this year's yearbook. It is only fitting that they also share the art department honor.

**David Dello Russo**, a graduating senior, is talented in all the arts. He enjoys performing with his band "Mood Swing" as much as acting at the Red Door Theater. His latest endeavor there was appearing as a minstrel in "Once Upon A Mattress."

This past year, if you went through the Halloween Haunted House at Riverside, he might have been the character who chased you.

David resides with his parents, John and Gail, in Feeding Hills. He has a sister, Cara, who is a freshman in high school. She is also talented and interested in the arts.

While in high school, David drew for the *MIRROR*, which is the school newspaper. He did work on the "Unicorn," the school literary magazine, not only designing a cover for it but submitting poems and songs for publication. He also designed this year's yearbook cover.

In the past, David has won a Gold Key in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Contest and has produced drawings for chiropractor Tami Nelson's column in *The Agawam Advertiser News*. He took part in the Top 40 Show for three years and Vaudeville for two years. In his spare time, he enjoys listening to Bob Dylan.

In September, he expects to attend Holyoke Community College with a split major of art and psychology.

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**Jennifer Clarke**, the other artist of the month, is also a graduating senior. She has been involved in several school activities and was layout editor for the 1996 yearbook.

She was a member of the Art Club for four years and was the immediate past president. She enjoyed her membership in the Future Teachers Club and was also involved in preparations for the prom for two years.

Jen is the daughter of Douglas Clarke of Agawam and has a sister, Lori, who is in the eighth grade. They have a family dog named "Heidi" whose love is shared.

Besides working at Chez Josef, Jen takes care of the household. Her spare time is spent drawing and writing.

She will attend college at the University of Miami this fall.

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**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL** pals Dave Dello Russo and Jennifer Clarke have been named "Artists of the Month" for May. *Advertiser News*

photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, June 10th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey or sweet & sour sauce, seasoned green beans, wheat bread & butter, chilled rosy applesauce, milk.

**Tuesday, June 11th:** Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned sweet peas, fresh Mac apple, milk.

**Wednesday, June 12th:** Taco boat with cheese topping, seasoned Mexicali corn, apple crisp with topping, milk.

**Thursday, June 13th:** Sliced deli turkey sandwich in roll with mayonnaise, seasoned diced carrots, oven potato puffs with catsup, dessert, milk.

**Friday, June 14th:** Meatball sandwich in roll with tomato sauce & cheese topping, seasoned green beans, ice cream bar, milk.

## School Committee To Hold Workshop Mtg.

The Agawam School Committee will hold a workshop meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 1996 in the Superintendent's Conference Room, Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, to discuss time and learning.

The time of the workshop will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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THE GRANGER SCHOOL gang enjoys their pancake breakfast at Agawam High School courtesy of Agawam UNICO last month.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS in the Future Teachers of America Club were the hosts and hostesses for the Annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast last month.



PANCAKES MAKE US SMILE say teachers Russ Ramah and Kathy Mounemneh at the Annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast.



JOANNE ANNINO is about to gobble down a piece of sausage at the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at Agawam High School.



I LOVE THESE BREAKFASTS said teacher Maureen Quinn as she is waited on by AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski and Acting Deputy Principal Paul Cavallo.

## Third Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Another Success For Agawam UNICO

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Three days after being appointed as the principal of Agawam High School, Joseph Zabielski joined members of an Italian-American civic club in the school kitchen flipping pancakes and grilling sausages for the town's teachers.

Sponsored by UNICO of Agawam, the Third Annual Teacher Appreciation Breakfast was the club's way of showing their support for the work done each day by teachers in classrooms across town.

With food donated by a local businessman who wished to remain anonymous, club members Joe Conte, Charlie Calabrese, Walt Letellier, Earl Hollister, Vin Gallerani, Art Chase, and Al Demastri arrived at the school at 5:30 a.m. to begin preparing a leisurely meal for about 200 of the town's teachers.

UNICO Past President Terry Letellier said, "It's nice for the teachers to sit down and talk before going off to their classrooms."

The annual breakfast affords Agawam educators one of their few opportunities to gather with colleagues from the different school buildings.

Sandy Boyer, a second grade teacher at Granger, said it was difficult to express just how much the Annual Appreciation Breakfast means to the teachers.

"The fact that our efforts are appreciated and we have this day when we can come together is just wonderful," Mrs. Boyer said.

Mrs. Boyer said the day was especially meaningful to her because it is the last time her daughter, Nicole, who is a graduating senior, will participate in putting on the breakfast.

As president of the AHS Future Teachers of America Club, Nicole worked with club members to decorate the cafeteria and assist in serving and clearing the tables.

"The teachers are thanking us as we clear the tables, but we're the ones who have to thank them for everything they've taught us," Nicole said. "It's been great seeing the teachers we haven't seen for years."

### Ryder Praises The Community For The Event

School Superintendent Bernard F. Ryder praised the community for the annual event which shows such appreciation for the efforts of his professional staff. "It's very supportive and definitely very thoughtful," Ryder said.

Serving on the kitchen crew, Acting Deputy Principal Paul Cavallo summed up the spirit and camaraderie of the morning. "Everyone is friendly and happy to be here. Many of the teachers have been making plans to meet here this morning. It's one of the few times we get to see the teachers from the other buildings."

Zabielski said the annual event is a chance for the community to come to a better understanding of the school system.

"It's too bad we don't do more of this kind of thing," Zabielski said. "This is a way for the community and the faculty to mingle and come to a better understanding of each other. When we can just sit down and talk, the people from UNICO get a better sense of what we're trying to do."

As she has for the past appreciation breakfasts, Dean of Students Bernadette Conte served as the event coordinator.

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## Denise Marchetto Overcomes Obstacles To Succeed At Johnson State College

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Denise Marchetto of Agawam, who was considered learning disabled (LD) in the second grade, grew to overcome her learning weaknesses. On May 19th, she completed her first year at Johnson State College, Vermont, and was awarded a \$500 scholarship toward her sophomore year.

She is also considered a leader, having organized a support club at college for learning disabled students, and completed a "Leadership Education & Development" Program for selected students.

Denise is a pretty teenager, enthusiastic about life in general and college in particular. During the past year, she organized a support group for LD students called "Learning Network." Another student's idea, Denise wrote the program and submitted it to the college congress for approval and funding.

The Network hopes to purchase Franklin Spellers for students who want them. The spellers offer multiple choice spellings for specific words to help the students pick the right spelling. The members also visit other colleges and have appropriate speakers.

Majoring in Hotel Hospitality Management, Denise plans to get her degree in that field. A member of the college's Hospitality Club, she is its representative to the College Congress. This experience has broadened her view of the college, she said.

A project of the Hospitality Club is sponsoring a weekly Coffee House for all students. The club serves Green Mountain Coffee and the cafeteria ladies provide snacks. Students entertain with music or there may be speakers or programs.

Denise was awarded one of two scholarships given this year by the Hospitality Club to

"outstanding freshmen" in their field.

Denise credits her parents with early recognition that she was learning disabled at Robinson Park School. They requested testing and it was determined that her problems were in comprehension, memory, reading, and she had a word retrieval deficit, she said. She went into Special Education, overseen by her parents, and before she graduated from high school, she was mainstreamed in every subject.

A member of the Agawam High School National Honor Society, Denise was given a scholarship by NHS. She said she was the first student who had learning disabilities to be in NHS. She graduated in 1995 with honors.

From the High School, she received three pins: Honor Society, Citizenship, and the Pen and Quill Pin given to students selected from those who served on school publications. Denise had been on the yearbook staff and also played softball for a year.

As a holder of a Gold Renaissance Card, she went into the community to volunteer. This program gives varying degrees of privileges to students according to their scholastic achievement.

Her interest in hotels, restaurants, and travel came from her aunt's owning a travel agency. Her interest in tourism led to hotels, most of which have restaurants, she pointed out. She expects to work with hotels, probably as a front office administrator.

Denise has restaurant experience, and this summer will work for Kenny Rogers in West Springfield. The daughter of Dorothy and Dennis Marchetto of Spencer Street, Denise's goal is to one day own her own business.



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER Denise Marchetto holds her "Leadership & Development" certificate awarded by Johnson State College in Vermont.**



### AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen  
Acting Director  
AHS Guidance Dept.

The Seniors, the Class of '96, will be graduating on Sunday. Many have travelled together for 13 years, sharing experiences, contributing ideas, and growing from each happening. It has been a pleasure to watch each student question, learn, and mature.

On Sunday, these students will be taking part in graduation; however, a better, more appropriate term for the occasion would be **commencement**. Yes, these students are truly **commencing**. They are **beginning** new lives, taking different roads to make their goals realities. Failure, difficulties, accomplishments, joy, and challenges will face them as they tread these roads. With diligence and commitment, success can be theirs.

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- by Sherrie Householder

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*Trust in your deeply hidden feelings, because they show the person that you are. Take hold of each opportunity, and make the most of it.*

*Know the person that you are, the needs that your life contains. Search deeply to capture the essence of life. Find your limitations and build upon them. Create within yourself a person who is strong and capable of understanding pain.*

*Know that life will offer some disappointments, but remember, through those situations you become a stronger, more stable person. Don't overlook obstacles, but work through them. Remember that each road you choose will offer some difficulty. If life were meant to be easy, there would be no challenges and no rainbows.*

### A CREED FOR TODAY AND EVERY DAY

- by Anna Marie Edwards

*Think of the future as a wonderful door opening into a promising new land.*

*Learn from the past;  
but do not let it determine your future.*

*Forget about any past mistakes.*

*Be glad that you are living in a world that is so full of opportunity.*

*Be optimistic.*

*Appreciate the fact that you have talents and abilities that are uniquely yours, and don't be afraid to use them.*

*Be the best that you can be.*

*Seek the advice and help of others, but always remember that yours is the final word.*

*Make your own decisions,*

*explore your own self,*

*find your own dreams.*

*Be persistent;*

*try not to get discouraged when things don't go your way.*

*Do all that you can to make this world a better place to live.*

*Be aware that life isn't always easy,*

*but that given time and hard work,*

*it can be everything you want it to be.*

*Most of all, be happy!*

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The program will give students the opportunity to take a maximum of two courses. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, class will meet from 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. from July 1st through July 26th. On those days, classes will be offered in seventh, eighth, ninth, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade English.

On Tuesday and Thursday, class will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon from July 2nd through August 1st (no class on July 4th). On these two days, classes will be offered in World History, U.S. History, seventh grade Math, eighth grade Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, General Science, Biology, and Physical Education (this last course meets only two hours per day from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday).

Students may register either in person or by mail. Registration forms are available in the guidance office at the senior high school and checks should be made payable to: Agawam Summer School (please do not send cash through the mail).

If a course is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, a full refund is given, but no refund is given after the first class has met or if a student is discharged from the program because of discipline.

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## Girl Scout Troop 553 Plans Bottle Drive

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## "And The Cow Jumped Over The Moon?"



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT on May 19th held its spring fundraiser at Harmon Smith Field and raised \$3,160. The event featured the famous "Cow Plop" contest and the winners included - Grace Tilden, \$1,000; Severina Bruno, \$500; and Danielle Stark, \$250. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Students Earn Awards From Vocational-Technical Education Center

The Vocational-Technical Education Center at 20 Johnson Road, Chicopee, is pleased to announce that the following Agawam students have received awards.

Mark Chao (Electronics), Katie Wells (Fashion Design & Merchandising), Joseph Fleming (Graphic Arts AM), and Michael Lyons (Technical Career Exploratory) received "Most Improved Student Awards." This annual award from each occupational program is given to the student that has progressed significantly during the year and has attained competence in their technical training.

Karrie King (Allied Health AM), Tim Lawrenchuck (Automotive Technology AM), Matthew Grych (Electronics), and Laura Cincotta (Fashion Design & Merchandising) received "Outstanding Student Awards." This annual award from each occupational program is given to the student (usually a senior) that has demonstrated exemplary competency attainment in their field of training. In addition, this student would be pursuing post-secondary training, secured a job, or otherwise be actively seeking employment in their career area.

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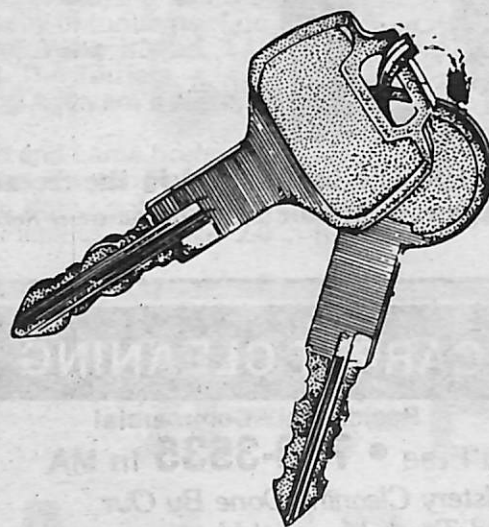
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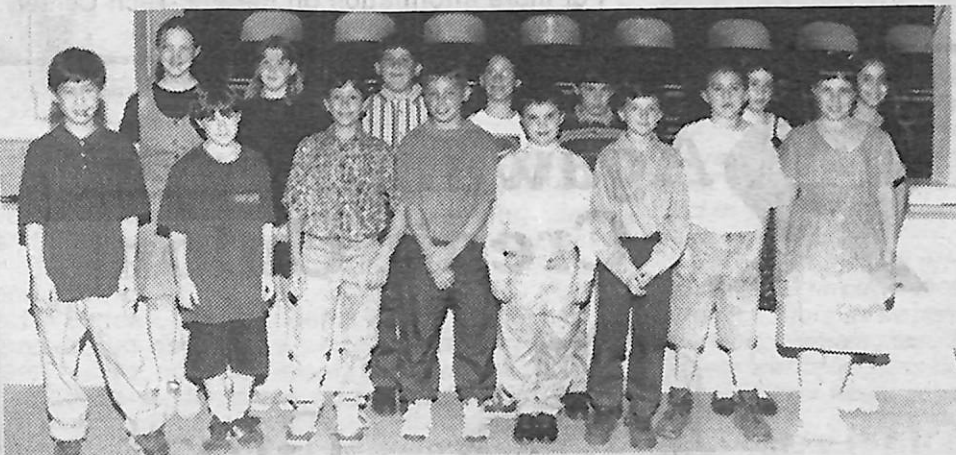
OVERALL WINNERS OF THE TOWNWIDE SPELLING BEE held recently at the Agawam Middle School included, from left - Meghan Ennis and Pavlina Moysis, grade 4 winners; Christopher Martin and Julie Pontz; grade 5 winners; and Matt Couture and Mike Carmody, grade 6 winners. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STUDENTS FROM GRADE FIVE who participated in the Townwide Spelling Bee held recently at the Agawam Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SERVING AS JUDGES FOR THE TOWNSIDE SPELLING BEE held at the Middle School included, from left - Nancy Thompson, Town Council president; Sasha Zebryk, Spelling Bee chairwoman; Linda Galarneau, School Committee member; and Judy Cline. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STUDENTS FROM GRADE FOUR who participated in the recent Townwide Spelling Bee at the Agawam Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STUDENTS FROM GRADE SIX who participated in the Townwide Spelling Bee held recently at the Agawam Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Sports

# It's Western Mass. Semi-Finals For AHS Softball & Baseball

## Scherban's Gem Lifts AHS Past Knights, 2-0

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High baseball player Jon Jacobsen is usually pretty reserved. He lets his performance on the field do his talking.

On Tuesday night, however, he spoke out. "I want you to print this," he said. "That was a Major League pitching performance."

He was talking about his teammate, Jamie Scherban, who had just hurled a four-hit, 2-0 shutout up at McKenzie Field against Holyoke in the Division I quarter-finals. It was the school's first baseball tournament victory in a while.

### Big Night For AHS

Big Jake was right on the money. Scherban (9 IP, 12 K's, 4 hits, 3 walks) dominated the Purple Knights. And with a little help from his friends, he got the Brownies with a Thursday, June 6th date in the semi-finals against undefeated and top-seeded Cathedral (20-0).

Agawam scored its first run in the second inning. Jake (1-2, 1 run scored) looked a Mike Fortin fastball right in the eye. Fortin (9 IP, 5 hits, 2 runs, both earned, 7 K's, 3 walks), by the way, pitched a fine game in his own right. Jake took the free pass

to first before Dom Pisano (0-3) laid down a textbook sac bunt that got Jake to second.

DH Austin Kimball hit a towering fly to center that was caught. Jake, who knows how good the Holyoke arms are in the hinterlands, wisely stayed at second.

Then it was Scherban's (1-4, 1 RBI) turn to manufacture some offense. He laced an off-field triple to the gap in right. Jake came around third like a sports agent waiting at home plate with a diamond and gold necklace for him. He scored easily.

Then Scherban began to methodically shut the Knights down. It was obvious to the Brownie faithful on hand that he was getting stronger. He was also getting some good defense, including a bang-bang job in the fourth.

Roberto Figueroa hit a duck that was dying fast to first. Jake dove and grabbed it. He got to his knees and gunned the ball to Mike Domangue at second to dispatch the Purple Knight runner (who forgot his baserunning skills and was halfway to third).

### Scherban Was Pumped

If it's possible to pump up Scherban even more than he usually is, that play did it. He started getting his fastball up in the strike zone. It was high heat that most hitters would usually feast on. But the ball had more action on it than New Year's in downtown Boston. The Knights could do little more than wave as the ball busted by.

Agawam scored its second run in the eighth. (Remember, these playoff games go nine innings.) Domangue (1-3) beat out a bunt with a leg job. Jimmy Baldyga (0-3, 1 run scored) pounded one to short. Domangue got nailed at second.

But the throw to first, in a bid for a double play, ended up somewhere on Beach Street. Baldyga took second. Then a passed ball sent him to third.

Football tight end Bryan Menard (1-4, 1 RBI) walked into the box. The big guy went with the pitch and slapped a single to right. Baldyga scored with ease.

By now, Scherban was mowing down the Holyoke hitters like a combine in a corn field. He would punch out nine of the final 12 he faced.

## Second Seeded Girls "Rapa" West Side, 5-0

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

You could tell what kind of game the Agawam High/West Springfield game was going to be before a bat was held or a pitch was thrown in competition. The 5-0 Agawam win was decided in the Brownie warm-up. Senior Laura Rapa was in the circle for Agawam. Senior catcher Courtnie Hyland was behind the plate.

As Rapa took her pre-game tosses, Hyland, the team's field general, continually encouraged her. "You're looking good, girl. Nice pitch. Oh yeah, that's a good one. You're on today."

Rapa is almost always on. But against arch-rival West Side, she was all over the Terriers like a bad case of fleas. They never had a chance in their softball playoff game. Rapa (7 IP, 0 runs, 1 hit, 4 K's, 1 walk) pitched a one-hitter.

That lonely hit came in the second inning and was quickly erased by a 1-3 double play.

Meanwhile, Agawam went about its business,

which is winning softball games. Their first two runs came in the third inning.

Becky Wing drew a walk. "Winger" (0-1, 1 run scored), ever the opportunist, sped to second on a passed ball. West Side pitcher Becky Pronovost (7 IP, 5 runs (3 earned), 3 hits, 2 K's, 4 walks) then blew another one in the dirt. Wing, who must have thought the gods were with her, easily took third.

Steph Fleming (1-2, 1 run scored) walked and stole second. Andrea Nolan, staying true to Coach Deb Lickley's philosophy of fundamentals, laid down a delayed sac bunt. Wing waited, watching Fleming's fate at first. The Terriers, a little too slow and not appreciating Agawam's creativity, went to first.

Winger waited just enough and came home. By that time, Fleming was at third. Kristen Patterson (1-3, 1 SB) drilled a single to right-center. It was good enough to drive in Fleming. It was 2-0 Agawam.

### West Side - Ready For The "Dog House"...

The Terriers, two-time losers to the Brownies this season, were ready for the dog house. Agawam put them there in the sixth.

Erica Pratt (1-3, 1 run scored) drilled a single to right. Hyland (1-3, 1 run scored) nailed a single to right. Pratt went to third. Jen O'Neil (0-3, 1 run scored) came up and hit one to short. The West Side defender couldn't handle it, so Agawam had another run. By that time, Hyland was on third. She had designs on the plate. She got it with a passed ball.

By this time, O'Neil was on third. Amber Conte (0-3) blasted one to first. It was blown big time on a throwing error. O'Neil came home. That was the scoring for the day. And the Terriers went home.

At this writing, Agawam (18-3) will meet 'Comp (17-3) Wednesday at Szot Park in a semi-final battle.

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# Baldyga Key Figure In Rise Of AHS Baseball

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

You don't really see many left-handers in high school baseball. So when one is spotted, sometimes it's worth a second look. Jim Baldyga is a port sider. He patrols centerfield on the Agawam High School baseball team. Recently, the senior southpaw took some time out to talk about himself.

Jim is 18 years-old. Athletically he has been involved in soccer, basketball, and baseball. Baseball is his sport, though. "I like the game because I grew up playing it," he says. He likes it so much that he gave up basketball in his sophomore year to concentrate over the winter to just get ready for baseball.

It has paid off. "Boo put me in center," Jimmy noted. Boo Smith is the Brownies' second-year baseball coach. He must have had an inspiration when he decided Jimmy would be his number eight guy. People on second rarely try to come home on the left-hander when a ball is hit his way. They even think twice if they're on third base.

Jimmy's arm is no mistake. "I have a drill. Every day I throw the ball as hard as I can, straight up in the air. I do it 50 times. It really makes a difference in my arm strength."

## Good At The Plate

He's also good at the plate as a result of more hard work. He spent most of the off-season hitting in a batting cage. He hit before school, after school, and just about any time he wasn't in school. The result - a batting average this season from the left side of the plate that's over .330. "Most guys throw me fastballs. I can hit just about anything. But I can hit any curve anyone can throw me," he said.

To hit the curve, you have to be patient. Jimmy is just that in his life off the diamond. He's in the high ability program at AHS. He's been taking Spanish for five years. He's fairly fluent in that language.

Still, his favorite subject is calculus. And he doesn't like his English courses all that much. But his favorite teacher in his time at AHS is Joanne Brown, an English teacher he met in his junior



AGAWAM HIGH SENIOR Jim Baldyga is one of the mainstays of the Agawam High baseball team in 1996. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

year.

He says he enjoys high school. Like most kids his age who are involved in sports, he likes it most because at the end of the day he can suit up and get out for some good, old-fashioned competition. He doesn't even mind practice.

"I don't like some of the rules they've put in since I've been at Agawam High School," he says. "It seems to me that we [as students] are seeing less and less freedom."

Jim has a part-time job. He delivers food for E.B.'s Specialty Chicken Restaurant. And his favorite food comes from that place. "You just can't beat their chicken wings - the hotter they are, the better they are." The night we talked to him, he'd just delivered a big bucket of those wings to his family.

About his family: his dad, Jim, works for the telephone company. Jim is a big Agawam baseball booster. His mom, Margaret, is a sales administrator for a local HMO organization. He has two older sisters, Christina and Melissa.

We were surprised when we asked him what his favorite car might be, if he could afford any car in the world. "A jeep, any kind, they're cool," Jimmy said.

His favorite color is grey. His choice of clothes is also pretty neutral. "I like to wear things that are comfortable," he said. That means jeans, button-down shirts, sneakers, and a windbreaker.

He has a hero, who is a hero to many kids at AHS, girls' basketball Coach Lou Conte. "He was my basketball coach in my sophomore year. He is the best person I've ever met."

Like most kids, Jim likes to watch T.V. and go to the movies. "My favorite movie is 'Fear.' I like Seinfeld on the tube."

Jim is a senior, so he'll be heading out next year. "I'm going to Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York."

Hartwick is among the top schools for the education of educators in the USA.

He says he'll major in computer science or business.

## Agawam Students Earn Awards In Athletics At Suffield Academy

At the Athletic Awards Assembly at Suffield Academy on May 23rd, the following students from Agawam were honored with varsity letters.

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Hastie Fence Athletics	5	3
Schlauffer Chiropractic Indians	5	3
Valenti's Restaurant Red Sox	4	4
Hood's Giants	4	4
Rollaway Mets	3	5
Scott's Citgo Braves	3	5
Agawam DARE Orioles	3	5
Soda City Dodgers	3	5
Agawam Public Mkt. Yankees	2	6
MINOR LEAGUE		
	W	L
Parrotta's Auto Sales Athletics	7	1
Luigi's Pizza & Pasta Braves	5	0
Lions' Club Orioles	4	0
Ayre Real Estate Giants	3	2
Teddy Bear Pools Mets	3	3
Polish Club Royals	1	1
Dreyer Plumb. & Heat Dodgers	1	4
Bolduc Printing Yankees	0	3
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## SHAA Boys' 10-12 Baseball Standings (As Of 6/02/96)

	W	L
Cornerstone Christian	6	1
Bookstore Phillies		
Bonavita, Gordon, Danie & Walsh Falcons	6	1
E.B.'s Red Sox	3	4
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	W	L
New Horizons (Orange)	4	1
Hastie Fence (Green)	5	2
Universal Plastics (Purple)	4	2
Ag. Lions Club (Red)	3	3
Westbank (Blue)	1	5
Thomas Locke Esq. (Yellow)	1	5

## SHAA Girls 10-13 Softball Standings (Week Ending June 2nd)

	W	L
Ideal Contractor (Grey)	6	1
John's Trucking (Navy)	6	2
T&R Wholesale (Maroon)	5	2
Micro-Test (Red)	4	2
Ken's Eyewear (Black)	2	5
Steven's Travel (Teal)	1	5
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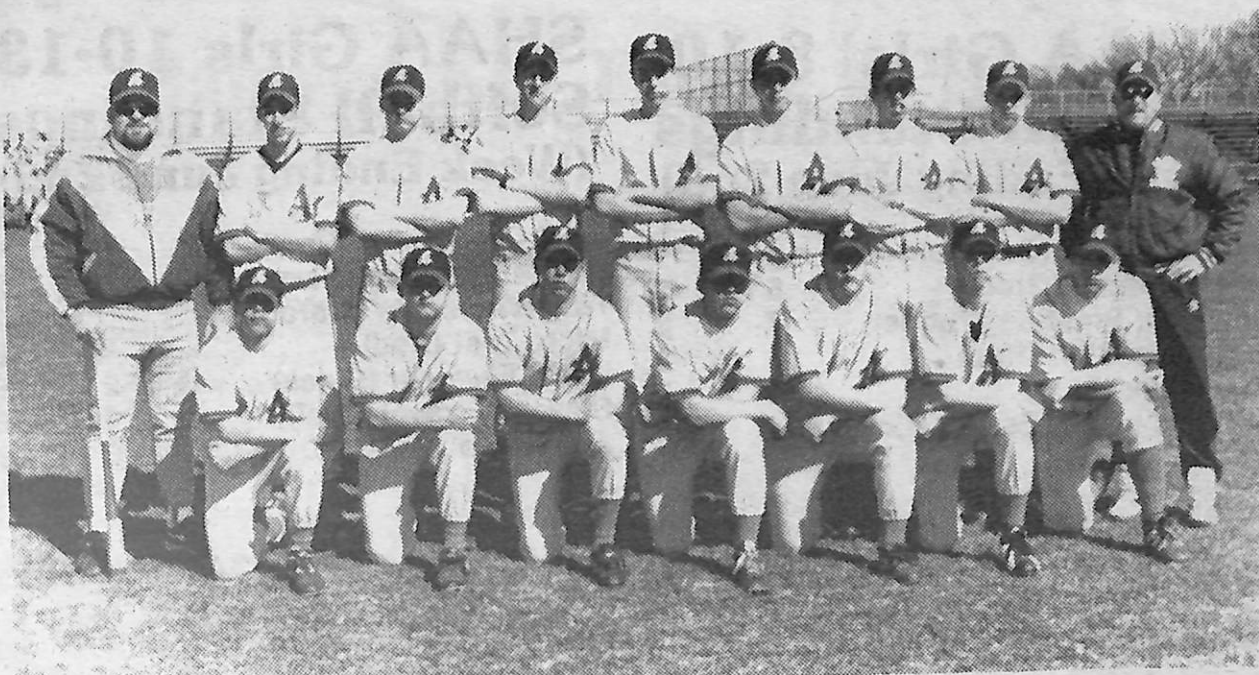
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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL JV baseball team. Back row, from left - Coach Ron Wieners, Jay Hanscom, Josh Maynard, Ryan White, Kevin Cornwell, Eric Melbourne, Austin Kimball, Ryan Progulske, and Assistant Coach Don Progulske. Front row - Kevin McKay, Mike Sullivan, Bryan O'Quinn, Andy St. Jean, Steve Merklein, Brady Martin, and Ryan Wilson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam High JV Baseball Ends Torrid Season On The Diamond At 16-4

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

In most high school athletic programs, the junior varsity teams get little notice. They are mostly made up of kids who could technically be termed "a work in progress."

The Agawam JV baseball team is just that. And they progressed very nicely this season, thank-you. They finished up with a 16-4 record with five straight wins to cap off the year to grab the Valley League junior varsity title. While they won't be going to any playoffs like the varsity club, they should be supplying some outstanding talent to insure varsity success for some time to come.

### Stacked With Talent

"We were stacked with talent this year," head JV baseball Coach Ron Wieners noted. "Most of these guys could be very competitive at the varsity level. But with the way the big club performed this season, they'll have to wait their turn."

Their wait might be brief. The varsity will lose six talented and valuable seniors to graduation: Jon Jacobsen (P/1B), Dom Pisano (3B), Chris Chechile (C), Mike Domangue (SS/2B), Jamie Scherban (P/2B), and Jim Baldyga (CF/P). That fact of baseball life will be easier to bear when Coach Boo Smith presides over tryouts next spring.

"He'll have a great crop to choose from," Wieners smiled.

As a team, the JV's put up some impressive numbers this past campaign. Among the accomplishments, they outscored their opponents 152-74 while averaging 10 runs a game courtesy of a robust .389 team batting average.

Wieners singled out some of his stars. Leadoff man Ryan Progulske batted .476, with 20 hits and 23 runs scored. Clean-up hitter Austin Kimball

recorded a .395 average, which included 25 RBI's, and four homeruns. He also noted the impressive batting averages of Mike Sullivan and Bryan O'Quinn, who hit .379 and .384, respectively. Eric Melbourne contributed three round trippers to go with a .372 average.

The JV's also possessed several 'live' arms this season. Pitchers Ryan White, Mike Sullivan, Melbourne, O'Quinn, Kimball, and Jay Hanscom (who pitched an abbreviated no-hitter earlier in the season against Chicopee Comp.) all contributed to a staff ERA of under 3.00. Opponents were only able to manage a .204 batting average against them.

Wieners, a former AHS catcher, saw good things from his two JV backstops, sophomores Ryan Wilson and Andy St. Jean.

### Talented Defense

The youngsters also showed well on defense, especially with sophomores Mike Wing at short and Mike Sullivan entrenched at the hot corner. The rest of the infield was solid with Hanscom holding down second and Melbourne manning first. Good speed, coupled with strong arms, made the JV outfield a force to be reckoned with.

They also had the ability to hang tough. Of the four extra inning games the JV found themselves in this season, they came out on top in every one of them.

"All the kids on the team played. And they all got valuable experience. I'm really looking forward to watching this group of players progress through the varsity ranks. It's almost scary thinking about the potential these kids have," Wieners said of his young players.



AGAWAM HIGH JV baseball Coaches Ron Wieners (left) and Don Progulske with 1996 team captain Mike Sullivan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Lisa Ziegert Golf Tournament Slated For Sunday, June 30th

Lisa Ziegert was abducted on April 15, 1992. Her body was found four days later. Her killer has not been found.

In an effort to keep her spirit alive, the family and friends of Lisa Ziegert will be holding an annual golf tournament and family picnic in her memory.

The tournament will be held on Sunday, June 30, 1996 at the Agawam Country Club in Agawam at 7:45 a.m., followed by a family picnic at 12:00 noon at which the public is invited. It will be held at the VFW on South Street in Agawam.

The proceeds from these events will benefit the Lisa Ziegert Memorial Fund, which was founded shortly after her death. This money will be used to provide scholarships for those students in Agawam who are pursuing teaching careers such as Lisa did. It will also be used to purchase school equipment such as computers, instruments, books, etc.

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# Reggie Ruggiero Wins Third Modified Feature Of 1996 At Riverside

There was a full moon on Saturday, June 1st, and that meant trouble at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA. For some, it seemed more like an Enduro program; for others, it was a chance to shine in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series.

The event that evening was race number two in the NAPA Auto Parts Point Series and the first race in the "Snap On Tools" event. **Reggie Rugiero** came from 14th to take the lead on the last lap for his third win in 1996.

A crowd of 4,931 came out to witness the open-wheel Modified event. Richard Savary started in the front row and held the lead through several cautions and a near-miss on lap number 45, as Winston Regional Point Leader Chris Kopec came from 13th to move into second.

On lap 45, as Kopec moved under Savary and drifted up, a chain reaction occurred. Involved were frontrunners Fran Principi, Tony Papale, Savary, and Ruggiero. Both Savary and Ruggiero kept running. This put Savary as the leader, with Reggie in second. Papale, Kopec, and Principi were out for the night after the violent ride.

With five laps left, Savary tried his best to hold off the pressure of the talents of Reggie Ruggiero. Still, Ruggiero is a master of Riverside; he knows every spot to attempt a challenge. In turn one, a move to the bottom and a slip by Savary to hold it down, gave Reggie the lead to take down the victory.

As the checker came out, the familiar Reggie Ruggiero in victory lane for the third time in 1996 at Riverside. Second went to a well-earned Richard Savary (C&W Horse Trans.), third was Ed Spiers, fourth was Tom Jensen (sponsor wanted), and fifth was Ted Riggott (International Auto Body).

Sixth through 10th were Dave Berube, Robbie Summers, Dan Grasso, Renee Dupuis, and Marty Leary.

"We love Riverside and Winston. This NAPA Point Show was tough. I got in that jumble but kept going. I knew Savary had no tires left, so I raced him clean for the win," said Ruggiero. It was a popular third win for the Pelly-Oles sponsored team.

In the NAPA Auto Parts Pro Stock Series, there were 11 cautions in the "full moon" event. Fact is, it was almost impossible not to find a car that wasn't involved without body damage. Still, when all the smoke cleared, it was **Scott Bouley** from midfield to take the win.

Rookie Craig St. Germain led the first two laps, and Blaine Belz moved out in front on the restart. Then, on lap eight, it was Jeff Baril until lap 14, as Bouley dominated to the checker.

## AHS Girls' Tennis Finish 1996 Season



**MEMBERS OF THE 1996 Agawam High School girls' varsity tennis team recently completed their spring season. Back row, from left - Carolina Florzs, Carolina Jurado, Katia Prolongeau, Kelly Stoddard, Betsy Gervais, Selena Machia, Kirsten DeCoteau, and Coach Mary Wolochowicz. Front row - Noelle Baskins, Laura Sypit, Maureen Dimock, Megumi Isogi, Tracey Landry, and Courtney Locke. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

Bouley did the "Irish jig" in victory lane. Following him were Jeff Conners, Barry Gray, Fran Colson, Jr., and Eddy Carroll to make up the top five. Rounding out the top 10 were Ed Carroll, Mike Duquette, John Lobo, and Jim Bainfield.

"This was great! My thanks go to NAPA, 'Snap On Tools,' and Winston," stated an enthusiastic Scott Bouley, who also praised his sponsors, Signature Cent Vacuum Plastic and Bristol Signs.

Jake Dupuis lead for seven laps in the Late Models before Keith Minchella made contact for the lead. It was Minchella to lead the next two laps in the "Snap On Tools" event, and then **Glenn Griswold** powered his way into the lead.

At one point, Griswold had a commanding lead. By lap 30, it was Griswold for his third win in the NAPA Auto Parts Program. Brian Locke turned in a great run for second, and third through fifth went to E.J. Legacy, Rob Valerio, and Tom Dileo.

Sixth through 10th in this division were Chuck Docherty, Todd Owens, Gee Perry, Skip Brunig,

It was an appropriate win for Griswold's yellow and black car, sponsored by NAPA Auto Parts.

**Jeff Soukup** was the driving force to dominate the Strictly Stock feature. Soukup drove a perfect race to never give up any ground to win in the Food 'n Stuff sponsored Pontiac.

Second was Brian Huerd, third was Ed Charette, fourth was Patrick Townsend, and fifth was John Waterhouse. Rounding out the top 10 were Dennis Charette, Kris Valerio, Rick Leavitt, Keith Miller, and Joe Kokoszko.

This Saturday night, June 8th, Riverside will host the four-division "Double Point Thunder," to be presented by Lincoln Mercury dealers and International Auto Body.

The admission is \$14.99 for adults, and \$2.99 for kids 11 years of age and under. For more information, call 1-800-370-7488 (race dept. - 3264).

# Sunday Night Summer Soccer League Returning To Agawam Starting July 7th

The Sunday Night Summer Soccer League (SNSSL) is back for its second season beginning on July 7th at Agawam High School.

The SNSSL is a six-on-six Men's/High School league. It will run for eight weeks, beginning July 7th and ending with playoffs on August 25th. The fee for the league is \$20 per person, which covers the cost of uniform shirts and referee fees.

Once again, the league will be directed by Jeff Rousseau with help from Agawam High School coaches, players, and alumni.

Last year, in its inaugural season, the SNSSL

saw 82 participants from eight teams. Italy won the bragging rights in dramatic fashion by knocking off U.S.A. in shoot-outs.

This year the league hopes to expand to 12 teams. The expansion teams will be Mexico, Sweden, Greece, and Nigeria. Players are reminded that they can remain on their current team or transfer to a new one. It is possible to group players with friends or relatives.

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## Springfield Turnverein Holds Annual Fishing Derby On May 19th

The annual Fishing Derby of the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam was held on Sunday, May 19th.

Although it has been held for many years, this year the name was "First Annual Thomas G. Gillan Memorial Fishing Derby." Tom had chaired this committee for the past several years and with his death in October, the Board of Directors agreed to name the derby in his memory.

The Turnverein's Boy Scout Troop No. 78 donated a plaque that will be hung in the foyer of the club and will indicate the boy and girl that catch the largest trout during the derby each year.

A total of 79 participants competed in this year's derby. Of this, 44 were boys and 35 were girls.

Trophies were awarded for the following categories:

First fish caught — **Steve Maynard** for the boys, and **Jessica Beroth** for the girls; largest fish caught that was not tagged — **Paul Lagasse III** (14" trout) for the boys, and **Amy Morin** (13" trout) for the girls; youngest fishermen — **Kyle Beroth** for the boys, and **Katharina Cote** for the girls; and for catching two of the tagged fish — **Gary Cassista** (18 1/4" trout) for the boys, and **Philicity Schultz** (16" trout) for the girls.

Several of the Boy Scouts camped out on the club grounds from Friday to Sunday in order to keep anyone from fishing before the derby. They also conducted a canoe training session on Saturday which was very interesting.



AT THE ANNUAL SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN Fishing Derby, Boy Scout Troop 78 donated a plaque that is being hung in the foyer of the club and will indicate the boy and girl that catch the largest trout during the derby each year. From left - Peggy Gillan, Thomas Gillan, Jr., George Gillan, Wilma Gillan, Tom Nostin (senior patrol leader) and Ken Connor (scoutmaster). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## SHAA Girls' 13-16 Softball Standings (Week Ending 5/30/96)

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## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### Fishing Action On CT River...

Red-hot smallmouth and striper action exploded on the Connecticut River this weekend.

Smallmouth and largemouth bass are hitting aggressively on the stretch of river between the Holyoke Dam and the Enfield Dam in Connecticut.

Shad are still available in the river, even though the shad derby is over. This is one of those tough times of the year when the biggest challenge facing local anglers is what species to target!

If this weekend was any indication of what the action will be like for the next few weeks, then we should change the name of the sport from fishing to catching!

Buzz baits cranked through the sparse emerging vegetation along the shoreline are bringing savage strikes from both largemouth and smallmouth bass. Northern pike, which are more numerous above the Holyoke Dam, are providing some heart-stopping thrills to a few lucky anglers on this stretch of the river. The last few years have produced more pike action on the Agawam-West Springfield stretch of the river than ever.

While fishing for smallmouth on the dropoff near the treatment plant outflow, I had the good fortune to not only take some nice bass, but a northern pike and four stripers. All within 10 minutes.

The hot lure was Al Gag's three-inch Mambo Minnow. Red was the hot color this weekend, with crystal silver coming in a close second. Sluggos were also in contention and provided a lot of action.

The 4½-inch version in gray and black seemed to be the favored color. The trick to making this bait work for you under similar conditions, was to insert a sluggo nail weight into the body of the lure. This allows it to sink a little faster, which can be important when the river current is flowing faster than normal.

The presentation that worked well, was to cast the Sluggo to the very edge of the shoreline, dancing it across the emerging weed beds and allowing it to sink into deeper water along the outside edges.

Since some of the bass are guarding nests,

catch and release is especially important at this time of year.

News from the Striper fraternity is that the Enfield Dam is giving up some nice fish. Freshly caught live herring are producing along with the traditional favorite Atom poppers and both five-inch and seven-inch Mambo Minnows in olive. Reports of several fish in the 30-pound-plus range have been making the rounds.

Die-hard striper fishermen are such a closed-mouth bunch, that it is not uncommon for them to bury their fish under the sand so that passing beach fishermen won't spot the fish. What they can't see, they won't stop and fish for, leaving the secretive surf fishermen with his own private bonanza.

With this in mind, reports of big fish being taken at the dam have to be given some credibility. This is especially true when the information comes from a group of guys who can keep a secret better than any government agency.

In fact, if the government could keep something under wraps as good as some of these fanatic surf fishermen, the Soviets would still be trying to figure out what an atomic bomb was.

Grab your surf rod, your Connecticut fishing license, a bag full of Atom poppers and Mambo Minnows, and catch the action!

#### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Connecticut River — Local action is hot with smallmouth and largemouth bass hitting aggressively. Buzz baits and suspending jerk baits are the top producers. Schoolie stripers are everywhere. Shad are being taken, with most of the action near the Holyoke Dam.

Congamond Lakes — Saunders Marina at Congamond reports that trout are still being taken by early morning trollers. Bass and pan fish are more active and feeding actively. Traditional lures are working well.

Hampden Ponds — There have been reports of some good action on largemouth bass. Jig and pig combos and the new K.B. Special are producing well, according to sources who know first-hand.

#### SALT WATER

Long Island Sound to Pt. Judith, R.I. — Schoolie stripers are abundant with some cow bass mixed in. Some heavyweights are being taken. Live herring and Mambo Minnows, along with Bombers, are taking the lion's share of larger fish. Flounder are being taken with regularity, and the usual mix of bait is turning the trick.

Cape Cod and South Shore — Outer cape fishermen are reporting nice size linesides are being taken all along the outer cape. George Powling of West Springfield had a productive night at Chatham Light earlier this week. Bass in the thirties were the highlight of the trip.



### Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by  
Jim Modzelesky,  
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### Learning To Love Long Irons

The long irons — the 1-, 2-, 3, and 4-irons — are the most difficult clubs for the weekend player because they have very little loft and, therefore, look intimidating and are less forgiving.

As a general rule, I advise higher handicappers to replace these clubs with fairway woods, which are less intimidating and more forgiving. However, if you want to keep the long irons in your bag, the trick is letting the clubs do the work.

Don't try to help the ball into the air by making a "scooping" swing, or try to hit at the ball instead of swinging through it.

Assume your address position, with the weight back toward your heels and the ball slightly left of center in your stance. Flex your knees, keep them flexed, and concentrate on making a long, smooth swing while driving down and through the ball.

Sometimes it helps to imagine that you have an 8- or 9-iron in your hands — or whatever club you are most comfortable with — and duplicate your swing with that club. Quite often, golf is a game of mind over matter.

### Boys' Basketball Camp To Be Offered Again This Summer

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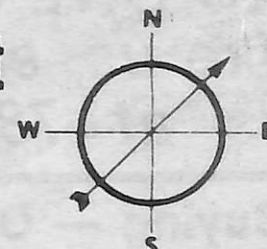
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